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**Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules**

The corresponding proposed rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the May 20, 2024 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<b>Promulgating Agency</b>	<b>Proposed Rule Title</b>	<b>Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups</b>
<b>Board of Veterinary Medicine</b>	<b>Continuing Education</b>	The proposed rule change has no impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups.
<b>Board of Ethics</b>	<b>Food and Drink Limit</b>	The proposed rule change effects all public employees and public servants by setting a standard monetary limit on the receipt of food and drink.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 111—The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System—Strength of Diploma Index</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 126—Charter Schools Charter Application Approval Cycle</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change. The change will increase accessibility and expand the application timeline for charter applicants rather than confining applicants to a single submission schedule.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 135—Health and Safety Administration of Emergency Medication</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators Work-Based Learning</b>	The proposed rule change may result in economic benefits for students participating in work-based learning and for employers hiring students for work-based learning. This type of learning could also lead to employment after graduation that may offer better opportunities for students than they otherwise would have had.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel Mentor Teachers</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 1903—Louisiana Handbook for Students with Dyslexia—General Provisions</b>	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Department of Environmental Quality</b>	<b>Freshwater Ammonia Aquatic Life Criteria</b>	Directly affected permittees may incur costs associated with monitoring, treatment of wastewater prior to discharge, and reporting. LDEQ expects costs to be incurred by publicly and privately owned treatment works that discharge 100,000 gallons per day (GPD) of treated wastewater or more and some industrial facilities with a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit. Although data is not available for every potentially affected facility, LDEQ has received information that indicates the costs for installing new treatment technology would be significant. Facilities may also be subject to additional testing costs to demonstrate compliance with ammonia-nitrogen limits.
<b>Crime Victims Reparations Board</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	There is no estimated cost and/or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators</b>	<b>Pre-Examination Requirements: Conditions Precedent</b>	The proposed rule change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Department of Health	<b>Inpatient Hospital Services—High Medicaid Utilization Academic Hospitals</b>	This proposed rule adopts provisions governing qualifying criteria and reimbursement methodology for high Medicaid utilization academic hospitals to increase payments for inpatient hospital services. Implementation of this proposed rule is anticipated to increase Medicaid payments to the qualifying hospital by approximately \$43,954,409 for FY 24-25 and \$55,452,257 for FY 25-26.
Department of Health	<b>Outpatient Hospital Services—High Medicaid Utilization Academic Hospitals</b>	This proposed rule adopts provisions governing qualifying criteria and reimbursement methodology for high Medicaid utilization academic hospitals to increase payments for outpatient hospital services. Implementation of this proposed rule is anticipated to increase Medicaid payments to the qualifying hospital by approximately \$21,810,567 for FY 24-25 and \$27,351,400 for FY 25-26.
Department of Health	<b>Opioid Treatment Program Facility Need Review</b>	It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will result in minimal costs to potential providers of OTPs participating in the request for applications (RFA), which requires a \$200 nonrefundable application fee. New OTP providers that have never been licensed before will have to pay an additional \$600 licensing fee upon approval of the FNR committee.
Department of Insurance	<b>Regulation 18—Non-Profit Funeral Service Associations, Reinstatement of Lapsed Policies</b>	The proposed repeal of the rule will have no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Insurance	<b>Regulation 85—Valuation of Life Insurance Policies</b>	The proposed amended rule will have no impact on economic costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Insurance	<b>Regulation 89—Suitability in Annuity Transactions</b>	The proposed amended rule shall protect insurers and consumers by providing for a best interest obligation when making a sale or recommendation of an annuity. The insurer and producer shall act in the best interest of the consumer under the circumstances known at the time the recommendation is made, without placing the producer's or insurer's financial interest ahead of the consumer's interest.
Department of Insurance	<b>Regulation 129—Surplus Lines Insurance Refund or Credit of Gross Premium Taxes</b>	The proposed rule changes will benefit persons and entities seeking to identify which handbooks or guidelines are currently being incorporated by reference that serve as professional guidance for entities under the purview of LDI. These handbooks and guidelines will be available for public viewing in hardcopy form at the offices of the LDI and Office of State Register and online at the NAIC website.
Uniform Local Sales Tax Board	<b>Authorization of Participation for Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance</b>	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. To the extent someone is able to attend a meeting via electronic means that might not otherwise be able to, an economic impact may result.
Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers	<b>Open Meetings via Electronic Means</b>	The proposed rule has no anticipated costs/and or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Plumbing Board	<b>ADA Accommodations</b>	There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. To the extent someone is able to attend a meeting via electronic means that might not otherwise be able to, an economic impact may result.