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### Office of the Governor Division of Administration Property Assistance Agency

Items of Property to be Inventoried  
(LAC 34:I.307)

Interested persons may submit written comments concerning the proposed amendment to LAC34:VII.307, published in the June, 2000 State Register, until 5 p.m., August 18, 2000, to Irene Babin, Director, Louisiana Property Assistance Agency, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095

Irene C. Babin  
Director

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### Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

Embalmer/Funeral Director Examinations

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors will give the National Board Funeral Director and Embalmer/Funeral Director exams on Saturday, September 9, 2000, at Delgado Community College, 615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, LA.

Interested persons may obtain further information from the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, Box 8757, Metairie, LA 70011, (504) 838-5109.

Dawn Scardino  
Executive Director

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### Department of Health and Hospitals Office the Secretary Office of Management and Finance

Inpatient Psychiatric Services  
Reimbursement Methodology

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a rule June 20, 1993 which established the prospective reimbursement methodology for inpatient psychiatric hospital services provided in either a free-standing psychiatric hospital or distinct part psychiatric unit of an acute care general hospital (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 19, Number 6). The June 20, 1993 rule was subsequently

amended to discontinue the practice of automatically applying an inflation adjustment to the reimbursement rates for inpatient psychiatric services in those years when the rates are not rebased (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 25, Number 5). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the Bureau adopted a rule to reduce the Medicaid prospective per diem rates for inpatient psychiatric services by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the Legislature during the 2000 Second Special Session, the Bureau has decided to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for inpatient psychiatric services. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to per diem rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that inpatient psychiatric services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an emergency rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for inpatient psychiatric services. It is estimated that implementation of this emergency rule will increase expenditures for the inpatient psychiatric services by approximately \$1,937,850 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address: Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is the person responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

David W. Hood  
Secretary

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## POTPOURRI

### Department of Health and Hospitals Office of the Secretary Office of Management and Finance

Long-Term Hospitals CReimbursement Methodology

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a rule in June 20, 1994 which established the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services, including long-term acute hospitals under the specialty hospital peer groups (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 20, Number 6). Another rule

was subsequently adopted to adjust the peer group rate payment to the lowest blended per diem rate for each specialty hospital category without otherwise changing the methodology (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 22, Number 1). The reimbursement methodology for psychiatric treatment was later disjoined from the methodology for other types of services in a long-term acute hospitals in order to reimburse these services at the same prospective per diem rate established for psychiatric treatment facilities (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 23, Number 2). The June 20, 1994 rule was subsequently amended to restructure the prospective reimbursement methodology for inpatient services provided in long-term acute hospitals (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 23, Number 12). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the Bureau adopted a rule to reduce Medicaid prospective per diem rates for inpatient long term hospital services by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the seven percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for inpatient long term hospital services. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to per diem rates in state fiscal year 2000, the Department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that long term hospital services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an emergency rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for long term hospitals. It is estimated that the implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures to long term hospitals by approximately \$544,763 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address: Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is the person responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

David W. Hood  
Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Hospital Program Outpatient Laboratory Services

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a

rule in April of 1997 that established a uniform reimbursement methodology for all laboratory services subject to the Medicare Fee Schedule regardless of the setting in which the services are performed, outpatient hospital or a non-hospital setting. Outpatient laboratory services are reimbursed at the same reimbursement rate as laboratory services performed in non-hospital setting (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 23, Number 4). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the bureau adopted a rule to reduce the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital laboratory services by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the seven percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for outpatient laboratory services. Taking into consideration the restoration of the seven percent reduction to reimbursement rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that outpatient laboratory services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an Emergency Rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital laboratory services. It is estimated that implementation of this emergency rule will increase expenditures for outpatient hospital laboratory services by approximately \$533,462 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address: Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is the person responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

David W. Hood  
Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of Management and Finance**

Hospital Program  
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a rule in June of 1997 which established a uniform reimbursement methodology for all rehabilitation services regardless of the setting in which the services are performed, outpatient hospital or a free-standing rehabilitation center

(*Louisiana Register*, Volume 23, Number 6). Rehabilitation services include physical, occupational, speech, hearing, and language therapies. As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the bureau adopted a Rule to reduce the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital rehabilitation services by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for outpatient hospital rehabilitation services. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to reimbursement rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that outpatient hospital rehabilitation services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an emergency rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital rehabilitation services. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures for outpatient hospital rehabilitation services by approximately \$140,508 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

David W. Hood  
Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Private Hospitals CReimbursement Methodology

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a Rule in June of 1994 which established the prospective reimbursement methodology for inpatient services provided in private (non-state) acute care general hospitals (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 20, Number 6). The reimbursement methodology was subsequently amended in a Rule adopted in January of 1996 which established a weighted average per diem for each hospital peer group (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 22, Number 1). The January 1996 rule was amended to discontinue the practice of automatically applying an inflation adjustment to the reimbursement rates in those

years when the rates are not rebased (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 25, Number 5). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the bureau adopted a rule to reduce the prospective per diem rates to private (non-state) acute care hospitals by seven percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the Legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for private (non-state) acute care hospitals. This action is necessary to protect the health and welfare of recipients by ensuring the availability of providers to participate in the Medicaid program. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to per diem rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that private hospital services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an Emergency Rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for private hospitals. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures to private hospitals for inpatient services by approximately \$14,418,039 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address: Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is the person responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Private Intermediate Care Facilities for the  
Mentally RetardedCReimbursement Methodology

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a Rule on October 20, 1989 which established the reimbursement methodology for private intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR) (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 15, Number 10). The October 20, 1989 Rule was subsequently amended to discontinue the practice of automatically applying an inflation adjustment to the reimbursement rates in those years when the rates are not

rebased (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 25, Number 6). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the bureau adopted a rule to reduce the Medicaid prospective per diem rates for private ICFs-MR by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the Legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for private intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to per diem rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that private ICF-MR services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an emergency rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement for private intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures to the private ICFs-MR by approximately \$9,253,827 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

Interested persons may submit written comments to the following address: Ben A. Bearden, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is the person responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 8, 2000 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

David W. Hood  
Secretary

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**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Private Nursing Facilities  
Reimbursement Methodology**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted a rule on June 20, 1984 which established the reimbursement methodology for private nursing facilities (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 10, Number 6). The June 20, 1984 rule was subsequently amended to discontinue the practice of automatically applying an inflation adjustment to the reimbursement rates in those years when the rates are not rebased (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 25, Number 6). As a result of a budgetary shortfall, the bureau adopted a rule to reduce the Medicaid prospective per diem rates for private

nursing facilities by 7 percent (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 26, Number 2).

As a result of the allocation of additional funds by the Legislature during the 2000 second special session, the bureau has decided to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the prospective per diem rates for private nursing facilities. Taking into consideration the restoration of the 7 percent reduction to per diem rates in state fiscal year 2000, the department has carefully reviewed the proposed rates and is satisfied that they are consistent with efficiency, economy and quality of care. These proposed rates are considered to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that private nursing facility services under the state plan are available at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the state.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to adopt an emergency rule to restore the 7 percent reduction previously made to the reimbursement rates for private nursing facilities. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures to the private nursing facilities by approximately \$41,067,024 for state fiscal year 2000-2001.

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David W. Hood  
Secretary

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Conservation**

**Orphaned Oilfield Sites**

Office of Conservation records indicate that the Oilfield Sites listed in the table below have met the requirements as set forth by Section 91 of Act 404, R.S. 30:80 et seq., and as such are being declared Orphaned Oilfield Sites.

Operator	Field	District	Well Name	Well Number	Serial Number
Atlas Oil Company	Elm Grove	S	Caplis	001	000274
Ben-Tex Oil Corp.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Herndon	1A	051551
Blue Mill Farms, Inc.	Bayou Choctaw	L	E B Schwing SL 2249 B	002	047654
H. D. Burlew, Jr.	Tullos-Urania	M	Urania Lbr Co	001	122667
Chain Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	I 7 RB SUA:SL 13545	002	168011
Chain Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	I 7 RA SUA:SL 13545	001	164563

Chain Oil & Gas, Inc.	Longville	L	Long Bell Petroleum Company	001	188550
Chain Oil & Gas, Inc.	Longville	L	Long Bell Petroleum Company	002	191092
W. D. Chew	Caddo Pine Island	S	State of LA	001	007897
W. D. & Carrie Cole Chew	Caddo Pine Island	S	State of LA	003	008942
Dal-Long Oil Company	East Haynesville	S	Dalaney et al 20-2 SWD	001	177583
Dal-Long Oil Company	Carterville	S	VUA:Boucher	001	202235
Dal-Long Oil Company	Carterville	S	Dewey Payne	002	204832
Dal-Long Oil Company	Carterville	S	Boucher	002	206325
Dal-Long Oil Company	Carterville	S	Boucher SWD	001	971867
B. M. Hester	Westwego	L	Missouri Pacific RR	001	087978
Interstate Natural Gas Co. Inc.	Coffee Bay	L	Grandison	003	050797
Jones Operating Co., Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Glassell	001	213975
Jones Operating Co., Inc.	Caddo Pine Island	S	Glassell	002	214249
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	009	151430
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	011	151515
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	008	151359
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 1200 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	001	148405
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	007	150414
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 750 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	006	150314
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	004	148532
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Lake Washington	L	LW 950 RA NVU;LL&E Fee	005	150199
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Point Au Fer	L	LL&E etal	001	215320
La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Avery Island	L	Avery Island Inc	001	215672

La. Mining & Minerals, Inc.	Avery Island	L	Avery Island Inc	002	218756
La. Oil Ref. Corp.	Caddo Pine Island	S	E B Grant	043	005939
La. Oil Ref. Corp.	Caddo Pine Island	S	E B Grant	045	005940
L & R Petroleum	Sligo	S	ROD RA SUP;Welch A	001	208484
L & R Petroleum	Sligo	S	ROD RA SUD;Welch	001	180252
L & R Petroleum	Sligo	S	HOSS 2 SUL; Skannal	002	207501
L & R Petroleum	Sligo	S	ROD RA SUG;Lucky	001	182280
L & R Petroleum	Sligo	S	Welch SWD	003	183639
Glen D. Loe	Tullos-Urania	M	Urania Lbr Co	004	041124
W. A. Lusk	Big Creek	M	McDonald Hunter	001	178694
M. W. Maxwell	Tullos-Urania	M	Griswold Heirs etal	003	138190
Pagitt Well Service, Inc.	Port Barre	L	Haas-Hirsch	001	018208
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Lake Enfermer	L	LE SUA;Grandison A	001	054836
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Lake Enfermer	L	LE SUG; Grandison A	006	065534
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	CB SUH: Grandisoin	010	075935
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	CB SUG; Grandison	007	072046
Petro-Lewis Corp.	Coffee Bay	L	CB SUU: Grandison A	007	072830
Hal S. Phillips	Wildcat	L	W Alton Jones	001	092495
Southwest Rig Service	Washington	L	Marion Lester Woods et al	001	178497

Philip N. Asproditis  
Commissioner

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Office of the Secretary**

**Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund**

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that five claims in the amount of \$10,107.84 were received for payment during the period June 1, 2000 - June 30, 2000. There were four claims paid and one claim denied.

Loran Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

28171	46937	Terrebonne
28659	46854	Jefferson

A list of claimants and amounts paid, can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 94396, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or you can call (225)342-0122.

Jack C. Caldwell  
Secretary

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**POTPOURRI**

**Department of Social Services  
Office of Family Support**

**Food Stamp Program Vehicle Exclusion Policy**

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, has requested and received approval to waive the federal food stamp program regulation at

7 CFR 273.8(e)(18) that prohibits application of the inaccessible resource provision to vehicles (FNS Waiver No. 002006).

Therefore, effective August 1, 2000, the definition of an inaccessible resource in LAC 67:III.1949 will be expanded in food stamp policy to allow exclusion of a vehicle that the household is unable to sell for any significant return because the household's interest is relatively slight or the costs of selling the household's interest would be great.

This action helps households that need transportation to achieve self-sufficiency without sacrificing nutritional needs. It eliminates a barrier to participation in the food stamp program and allows households to have access to transportation necessary to secure and retain employment.

J. Renea Austin-Duffin  
Secretary

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