DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

and

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Targeted Case Management
Reimbursement Methodology
EarlySteps Reimbursement Rate Increase
(LAC 50:XV.10701)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities amend LAC 50:XV.10701 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953.1, and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Act 199 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature appropriated funds to the Department of Health to increase reimbursement rates paid for targeted case management services rendered in the EarlySteps Program. In compliance with Act 199, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities amend the provisions governing targeted case management services in order to increase reimbursement and utilize a flat rate reimbursement methodology for services in the EarlySteps Program.

This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid beneficiaries by ensuring continued provider participation in the Medicaid Program. It is anticipated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately $2,428,945 for state fiscal year 2022-2023.

Effective July 31, 2022, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities amend the provisions governing targeted case management services in order to increase reimbursement and utilize a flat rate reimbursement methodology for services in the EarlySteps Program.

Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part XV. Services for Special Populations
Subpart 7. Targeted Case Management
Chapter 107. Reimbursement

§10701. Reimbursement

A. Reimbursement for case management services for the Infant and Toddler Program (EarlySteps):

1. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022, case management services provided to participants in the EarlySteps Program shall be reimbursed at a flat rate for each approved unit of service.

a. The standard unit of service is equivalent to one month and covers both service provision and administrative (overhead) costs.

b. Service provision includes the core elements in:

i. §10301 of this Subpart;

ii. the case management manual; and

iii. EarlySteps practices.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.


Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tara A. LeBlanc, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. LeBlanc is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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