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**State/Territory Name: Louisiana**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: LA 22-0033**

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January 23, 2023

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RE: Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0033

Dear Ms. LeBlanc:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0033 effective for services on or after October 11, 2022. The purpose of this SPA is to establish the criteria for an acute care hospital to qualify as an urban metropolitan statistical area (MSA) facility in the New Orleans area and establish the reimbursement methodology for the provision of inpatient services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We hereby inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 22-0033 is approved effective October 11, 2022. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Caughey at (517) 487-8598.

Sincerely,



Rory Howe  
Director

Enclosure

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
**22-0033**

2. STATE  
**LA**

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 11, 2022**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**42 CFR 447 Subpart C**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2023 \$ 1,879,022  
b. FFY 2024 \$ 1,869,247

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Page 8h  
Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Page 8i**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

**Same (TN 22-0021)  
(New Page)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

**The purpose of this SPA is to establish the criteria for an acute care hospital to qualify as an urban metropolitan statistical area (MSA) facility in the New Orleans area and establish the reimbursement methodology for the provision of inpatient services.**

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- ☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

**Ruth Johnson, designee for Dr. Courtney N. Phillips**

13. TITLE

**Secretary**

14. DATE SUBMITTED

**November 14, 2022**

15. RETURN TO

**Tara A. LeBlanc, Medicaid Executive Director  
Louisiana Department of Health  
628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 91030  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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16. DATE RECEIVED  
November 14, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED  
January 23, 2023

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
October 11, 2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Rory Howe

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - IN-PATIENT  
HOSPITAL CARE

**Urban Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Facility – Baton Rouge Area**

**Qualifying Criteria**

In order to qualify as an urban MSA facility in the Baton Rouge area, the hospital must:

1. have a facility type code of acute and opened subsequent to the March 13, 2020 presidential declaration of a national emergency concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), to provide availability of additional beds and services for COVID-19 patients;
2. have been licensed and certified no later than June 30, 2020, and located in zip code 70806, east of I-110, north of I-10, and south of Business Highway 190;
3. be located in an urban metropolitan statistical area (MSA) as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget;
4. have an operational emergency room and is located greater than five miles in distance from the closest hospital emergency room; and
5. be located on a single site.

These provisions qualify The General Hospital also known as “Baton Rouge General – Mid-City Location”, as a qualifying urban MSA facility.

**Reimbursement Methodology**

Effective for dates of service on or after July 2, 2022, the inpatient hospital per diem rate paid to an urban MSA facility for acute care services shall be increased by indexing annually to 95 percent of the small rural hospital acute per diem rate in effect.

Effective for dates of service on or after July 2, 2022, the inpatient hospital per diem rate paid to an urban MSA facility for psychiatric services shall be increased by indexing annually to 95 percent of the small rural hospital psychiatric per diem rate in effect.

These rates are contingent on the hospital continuing to meet all qualifying criteria set forth above. The addition of any off site campus location to the license of this hospital will invalidate the provisions of this reimbursement methodology.

If the hospital no longer qualifies as an urban MSA facility, payments will revert back to appropriate non-rural, non-state hospital assigned rates effective on the date that the qualification(s) above are no longer met.

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**Urban Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Facility – New Orleans Area**

**Qualifying Criteria**

In order to qualify as an urban metropolitan statistical area (MSA) facility in the New Orleans area, the hospital must:

1. be designated a non-rural hospital service district located in Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) region 1, with a facility type code of acute, with an original hospital license date before July 13, 2014, but after July 1, 2014, located in zip code 70127;
2. be located in an urban MSA as defined by United States Office of Management and Budget;
3. have an operational emergency room; and
4. not add additional locations under this license, without prior written approval of the Department.

These provisions qualify New Orleans East Hospital as a qualifying urban MSA facility.

**Reimbursement Methodology**

Effective for dates of service on or after October 11, 2022, the inpatient hospital per diem rate paid for acute care services to qualifying urban MSA hospitals in the New Orleans area that meet all of the criteria above shall be increased by indexing annually to 95 percent of the small rural hospital acute per diem rate in effect.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 11, 2022, the inpatient hospital per diem rate paid for psychiatric services to qualifying urban MSA hospitals in the New Orleans area that meet all of the criteria above shall be increased by indexing annually to 95 percent of the small rural hospital psychiatric per diem rate in effect.

These rates are contingent on the hospital continuing to meet all qualifying criteria included above. The addition of any off-site campus, beyond an outpatient primary care clinic, to the license of this hospital will invalidate the provisions of this reimbursement methodology.

If the hospital no longer qualifies, payments will revert back to appropriate non-rural, non-state hospital assigned rates effective on the date that the qualification(s) above are no longer met.