

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing and  
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities**

**Home and Community-Based Services Waivers  
Children's Choice Waiver  
Electronic Visit Verification  
(LAC 50:XXI.11531)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities propose to adopt LAC 50:XXI.11531 under the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, through collaborative efforts, provide supplemental supports to children with developmental disabilities through the Children's Choice Waiver program.

The department now proposes to amend the provisions governing the Children's Choice Waiver in order to adopt requirements which mandate that providers must utilize the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling,

time and attendance tracking, and billing for certain home and community-based services.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part XXI. Home and Community-Based Services Waivers**

**Subpart 9. Children's Choice**

**Chapter 115. Providers Participation Requirements**

**Subchapter B. Provider Requirements**

**§11531. Electronic Visit Verification**

A. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2015, Children's Choice Waiver providers shall use the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for certain home and community-based services.

B. Reimbursement shall only be made to providers with documented use of the EVV system. The services that require use of the EVV system will be published in the Children's Choice Waiver provider manual.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, LR 41:

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.

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have a positive impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972 as it will provide improved accuracy and monitoring of home and community-based services for individuals with long-term disabilities.

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have a positive impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973 by allowing working family members to maintain stable employment due to the improved delivery of home and community-based services.

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated

that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, no direct or indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, and will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Kennedy is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. A public hearing on this proposed Rule is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments either orally or in writing. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:30 p.m. on the next business day following the public hearing.

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Secretary