

a. random monthly drug screen tests until the client has negative drug screen tests for 90 consecutive days, as well as random testing for alcohol when indicated;

b. thereafter, monthly testing to clients who are allowed six days of take-home doses, as well as random testing for alcohol when indicated;

3.c. - D.5. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2151-2161.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Cecile Castello, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Castello is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding these substantive amendments to the proposed Rule. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:30 p.m. on the next business day following the public hearing.

Public Hearing

A public hearing on these substantive changes to the proposed Rule is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 173, 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.

Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

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POTPOURRI

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health
Bureau of Family Health**

Public Notice—Title V MCH Block Grant

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) intends to apply for title V maternal and child (MCH) block grant federal funding for FY 2015-2016 in accordance with Public Law 97-35 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health is responsible for program administration of the grant.

The block grant application describes in detail the goals and planned activities of the Bureau of Family Health and Children’s Special Health Services for the next year. Program priorities are based on the results of a statewide needs assessment conducted in 2015, which is updated annually based on relevant data collection.

Interested persons may request copies of the application from:

State of Louisiana
DHH, Office of Public Health
Bureau of Family Health
1450 Poydras Street, Room 2032
New Orleans, LA 70112

Or view a summary of the application at:
<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/935>.

Additional information may be gathered by contacting ChrisAnn McKinney at (504) 568-5014.

J.T. Lane
Assistant Secretary

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POTPOURRI

**Department of Insurance
Office of Health Insurance**

Annual HIPPA Assessment Rate

Pursuant to *Louisiana Revised Statute 22:1071(D)(2)*, the annual HIPAA assessment rate has been determined by the Department of Insurance to be .00022 percent.

James J. Donelon
Commissioner

1506#009

POTPOURRI

**Workforce Commission
Rehabilitation Services**

**Substantive Changes and Public Hearing Notification
Vocational Rehabilitation Program
(LAC 67:VII.115 and 519)**

The Louisiana Workforce Commission, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) published a Notice of Intent to promulgate a rule removing the agency’s out-of-date basic living requirement (BLR) chart and proposed to use the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ poverty guidelines in the April 20, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR Vol. 41, No. 04). The Notice of Intent solicited comments. As a result, LRS received a comment regarding §115, Financial, the removal of the out-of-date basic living requirement chart and the use of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ poverty guidelines. After review and consideration of the comment received, LRS will amend §115, Financial, of the original Notice of Intent through the use of this Potpourri to provide the following clarification. LRS will utilize a multiple of 250 percent of the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines, which is updated annually. This same method was used in the out-of-date basic living requirement chart that was removed from policy, but not from the financial needs analysis form the agency uses to determine a consumer’s financial need for certain vocational rehabilitation services.

**Title 67
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Part VII. Rehabilitation Services

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§115. Financial

A. - B.a.vii. ...

- viii. on-the-job training;
- ix. assistive technology devices and services (except hearing aids);
- x. personal assistance services provided simultaneously with any of the above-listed vocational rehabilitation services; (Examples include attendant, reader, scribe, interpreter, ASL, braille, notetaker, and adjustment/orientation and mobility training services.)

2.b. - 3.d.ii. ...

C. LRS shall determine an individual's financial need for certain vocational rehabilitation services based on the individual's disability related expenses, available assets, and a multiple of 250 percent of the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23-3001.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services, LR 17:891 (September 1991), amended LR 20:317 (March 1994), LR 21:837 (August 1995), LR 24:959 (May 1998), LR 25:1273 (July 1999).

LR 27:212 (February 2001), LR 27:1561 (September 2001), LR 29:47 (January 2003), LR 30:1488 (July 2004), LR 34:1038 (June 2008), amended by Workforce Commission, Rehabilitation Services, LR 41:

Public Hearing

A public hearing on this proposed revision will be held on July 30, 2015 at the LRS Baton Rouge regional office, 3651 Cedarcrest Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, beginning at 9 a.m. Individuals with disabilities who require special services should contact Judy Trahan, Program Coordinator, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, at least 14 working days prior to the hearing if special services are needed for their attendance. For information or assistance, call (225) 219-2225 or (800) 737-2958 (V/TDD).

Curt Eysink
Executive Director

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