

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection Waiver Amendment

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing currently provides limited primary and behavioral health care services to low-income, uninsured residents of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes under the authority of a Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver, called the Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC). The GNOCHC Waiver was set to expire on December 31, 2013; however, on September 30, 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a one-year temporary extension of the GNOCHC Waiver to December 31, 2014.

The department hereby gives public notice of its intent to submit an amendment to CMS to increase the total computable expenditure limit for the GNOCHC Demonstration Waiver from \$97.5 million to \$107.5 million in order to utilize all available state matching funding during the approved GNOCHC Waiver extension period. Please visit the GNOCHC Information Page for updates at

http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/GNOCHC/GNOCHC_Index.htm.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is March 15, 2014 by 4:30 p.m.

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Secretary