
CHAPTER 25: HOSPITAL SERVICES

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PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

Enrollment in the Louisiana Medicaid Hospital Services Program is voluntary. Participating providers must accept the Medicaid payment as payment in full for those services covered by Medicaid. The Medicaid beneficiary must not be charged the difference between the usual and customary charge and Medicaid's payment. All Medicaid covered services must be billed to Medicaid. However, services not covered under the Medicaid program can be billed directly to the Medicaid beneficiary. **The provider must inform the Medicaid beneficiary that the service is not covered by Medicaid before performing the service.**

Provider enrollment information and forms are located on the Louisiana Medicaid web site (see appendix B for web site).

Licensure

The Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH's), Health Standards Section (HSS) is the only licensing authority for hospitals in the State of Louisiana. Providers participating in the program must meet all certification and licensing requirements.

Detailed information regarding licensing requirements can be obtained from the HSS (see appendix B).

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments

In accordance with federal regulations 42 CFR 493.1 hospital laboratories must meet certain conditions to be certified to perform testing on human specimens under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA).

Distinct Part Psychiatric Units

If an acute general hospital has a Distinct Part Psychiatric Unit, the Health Standards section must verify the unit's compliance with Medicare's Prospective Payment System (PPS) criteria and identify the number and location of beds in the psychiatric unit. A unit qualifying for distinct part status must complete a separate provider enrollment packet and be assigned a separate provider number from the rest of the hospital.