

## GLOSSARY

**Adjunct Services** – Services provided by the RHC on weekends, state legal holidays, and between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

**Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF)** – The Bureau within Louisiana Department of Health responsible for the administration of the Louisiana Medicaid Program.

**Change in Scope** – a Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) approved addition, removal and relocation of service sites and the addition or deletion of specialty and non-primary services that were not included in the baseline rate calculation.

**CMS** – The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is the Federal agency in DHHS responsible for administering the Medicaid Program and overseeing and monitoring of the State’s Medicaid Program.

**Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)** – The state agency responsible for administering the Medicaid Program and health and related services including public health, mental health, developmental disabilities, and alcohol and substance abuse services. In this manual the use of the word “department” will mean LDH.

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** – The federal agency responsible for administering the Medicaid Program and public health programs.

**Encounter** – A face-to-face visit with a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, visiting nurse, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, or any other State plan approved ambulatory provider during which an RHC core or other ambulatory service is rendered. Multiple medical encounters with more than one health care practitioner or with the same health care practitioner, which take place on the same day at a single location, constitute a single visit, except for cases in which the beneficiary, subsequent to the first encounter, suffers illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment.

**Enrollment** – A determination made by LDH that a provider agency meets the necessary requirements to participate as a provider of Medicaid or other LDH-funded services. This is also referred to as provider enrollment.

**Fiscal Intermediary** – Is the private fiscal agent with which LDH contracts to operate the Medicaid Management Information System. It processes Title XIX claims for Medicaid services provided under the Medicaid Assistance Program, issues appropriate payment and provides assistance to providers on claims.

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**Health Professional Shortage Area** – An urban or rural area, population group, or public or nonprofit private medical facility which the Secretary of DHHS determines has a shortage of health professionals.

**Health Resources Services Administration** – An office within the Department of Health and Human Services whose mission is to improve access to healthcare services for the uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable through leadership and financial support.

**Medicaid** – A federal-state financed entitlement program which provides medical services primarily to low-income individuals under a State Plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

**Medically Underserved Area** – Areas designated by HRSA as having too few primary care providers.

**Medically Underserved Population** – Areas designated by HRSA as having high infant mortality, high poverty, and/or high elderly population.

**Medicare** – The health insurance program for the aged and disabled under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

**Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)** – The computerized claims processing and information retrieval system for the Medicaid Program. This system is an organized method of payment for claims for all Medicaid covered services. It includes all Medicaid providers and eligible beneficiaries.

**Prospective Payment System (PPS)** – Method of reimbursement in which payment is made on a predetermined, fixed amount. Section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act describes the methodology used to determine the PPS for RHCs.

**Provider Enrollment** – Another term for enrollment.

**Rural Health Clinic** – An outpatient primary care clinic seeking or possessing certification by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) as a rural health clinic and licensed by the department, which provides diagnosis and treatment to the public by a qualified mid-level practitioner and a licensed physician. The clinic must be located in a medically underserved area that is not urbanized as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Census.

**Secretary** – The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or any official to whom (s)he has delegated the pertinent authority.

**Satellite Clinics** – Separate clinics of the primary RHC.

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**Service Site** – Any place where a health center provides primary health care services to a geographic service area or population.

**Trade Areas** – Counties in the states of Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi that physically share a border with Louisiana border.