



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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The Honorable J. Cameron Henry, Jr.
Chairman, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
1539 Metairie Road, Suite A
Metairie, LA 70005

Re: Medicaid Eligibility Reform Report

Dear Chairman Henry:

I am writing to inform you of a temporary delay in the publication of Medicaid Eligibility Reform reports for June and July 2019. These reports detail progress made in the use of tax data in Medicaid eligibility determinations and the effects of the reduction of the reasonable compatibility standard from 25 percent to 10 percent.

In May, LDH discovered an error in the reasonable compatibility formula used in the new eligibility system. Previously, LDH reported that the error was corrected on June 9, 2019. However, this correction did not take effect until June 16, 2019. While LDH assessed the impact of this error, it suspended reasonable compatibility reporting. This reporting is expected to resume in September 2019.

Additionally, I would like to make you aware of a permanent change in the schedule of reasonable compatibility reporting. Beginning with reporting on applications and renewals processed in State Fiscal Year 2020, LDH will submit reports on the 30th day of the month rather than the 15th day, to allow more time to ensure the accuracy of data reported.

We appreciate your understanding as we continue to refine and improve our data reporting. We will keep you informed of our progress and provide an updated publication timeline prior to the end of the month if anything changes.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Cindy Rives
Undersecretary