



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
DIVISION OF MEDICAID**

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Providers
Re: Provision of Essential Services to Medicaid Beneficiaries Temporarily Displaced/Transferred to another Location Due to Hurricane Gustav

In response to any emergencies due to Hurricane Gustav, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid is encouraging all medical providers and pharmacies to provide essential services for Medicaid beneficiaries who have migrated to your location.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid will work with providers in any State willing to serve our temporarily displaced Mississippi Medicaid beneficiaries to ensure enrollment in our program in order to provide reimbursement. Providers will be reimbursed based on coverage policies set forth by the Mississippi Division of Medicaid only for 30 days (August 28, 2008 – September 27, 2008).

Provider Enrollment Procedures for Mississippi Medicaid

Medical Services and Pharmacy Providers currently not enrolled as a Mississippi Medicaid provider may obtain a temporary provider number if they are enrolled in their State's Medicaid program. This Emergency Provider Enrollment Form may be obtained through the following web site: www.dom.state.ms.us and click on the link for [Mississippi Division of Medicaid EMERGENCY PROVIDER ENROLLMENT FORM for Out-Of-State Providers](#). Completed forms may be submitted via facsimile to the number listed in the form. For those providers not enrolled in their State's Medicaid program please complete a provider enrollment packet that can be obtained at <http://msmedicaid.acs-inc.com>

Mississippi Medicaid Eligibility Verification

If a patient presents Mississippi Medicaid in your clinic/facility, you may verify Medicaid eligibility by calling 1-800-884-3222. Providers can verify eligibility by using the "dummy" provider number 08486836.

Mississippi Medicaid Providers Rendering Services to Out of State Beneficiaries

Our Mississippi Medicaid providers should also feel confident regarding reimbursement of services to displaced Medicaid beneficiaries from Louisiana. Please note that providers will be paid based on coverage policies established by the Louisiana Medicaid program.

Provider Enrollment Procedures for Louisiana Medicaid

Medical Services and Pharmacy Providers currently not enrolled as a Louisiana Medicaid provider may obtain an enrollment packet through the following web site: www.lamedicaid.com

The Louisiana Support Help Desk phone number appears at the upper left of their home page if assistance is needed in registering a new provider number or accessing the application.

Residents Displaced From Mississippi Medicaid Nursing Facilities

- **Procedures for Displacement within Mississippi**

Residents that were displaced/transferred from a Mississippi Nursing Facility (NF) due to Hurricane Gustav that were transported and accompanied by staff to another Mississippi NF, should remain under the provider number of the original NF. If no staff followed the residents to another nursing facility, the resident must be treated as a new admission by the receiving facility. All criteria for a long term care beneficiary must be followed by the receiving NF.

- **Procedures for Out-of-State Displacement**

Out of state facilities receiving a Mississippi NF resident(s) should process that case as a new admission according to the receiving state's Medicaid long term care eligibility criteria. Mississippi residents applying for Medicaid nursing facility level of care in a state other than Mississippi should follow state specific Medicaid eligibility guidelines where care is being provided.

For the latest news please refer to the "Hurricane Gustav" link on our web site at www.dom.state.ms.us or <http://msmedicaid.acs-inc.com>.

Other Resources

ICERx.org (In Case of Emergency Prescription History Service) is a public-service resource developed by the healthcare industry to help ensure continuity of quality care for the victims of future disasters. Once authenticated, licensed prescribers and pharmacists caring for patients in an emergency situation will be able to securely access a patient's medication history by logging onto www.icerx.org. ICERx.org also provides caregivers with drug reference information and valuable clinical decision support tools, such as therapeutic duplication and interaction alerts. Visit www.icerx.org, or call the toll-free registration and information hotline at 1-888.ICERX.50 (1-888-423-7950).