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Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules

The corresponding proposed rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the November 20, 2024 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20th of each month.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Office of State Parks	Cultural Resources	The proposed rule change will have minimal, if any, direct effects upon persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. Patrons of the state parks and historic sites could experience an increase in costs from the increase in certain rates and fees compared to the amounts paid currently.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 104—Louisiana Computer Science Content Standards—Computer Science Content Standards	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 118—Statewide Assessment Standards and Practices—Field Testing	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 126—Charter Schools Student Enrollment	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 132—Louisiana Course Choice Program Course Choice Program	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 133—Scholarship Programs LA GATOR Scholarship Program Phases	Families of current Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) students should experience little impact, as those students will continue to be funded at the same rate until they graduate or exit the terminal grade of the school in which they are currently enrolled. Families of entering kindergarteners or current public school students who would have chosen to enroll their children in nonpublic school the following year but who choose to participate in the LA GATOR program will benefit from program funding. Families of current nonpublic school students who fall below 400% of the federal poverty guidelines and who participate in the program will benefit by having to fund less of their children’s tuition and fees through their personal finances.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1903—Louisiana Handbook for Students with Dyslexia—Dyslexia Screening and Assessment	Providers approved for reimbursement using state funds could realize increased revenue by providing testing services for students. Parents of students being tested for dyslexia could save money on the cost of testing if they choose to use a private testing provider.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Communication Pathways	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Educator Credentials	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change. It is possible that educators may seek to add certification in computer science to an existing certificate; however, the number of educators who will choose to add this area is unknown at this time.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Establish Committee	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Immunizations	There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

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Board of Regents Office of Student Financial Assistance	Scholarship/Grant Programs Exceptions	The proposed change will not provide or impact economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups.
Board of Pardons	Clemency	There is no estimated cost and/or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice	Peace Officer Training	There may be non-monetary economic benefits for those who are provided additional time to complete a POST examination for certification, to the extent that the additional time provided yields a successful passing score on the examination. There may be a non-monetary economic cost to aspiring firearms instructors who are required to meet more stringent requirements to successfully obtain certification after completing the firearms instructor course, to the extent that the more stringent requirements yield a lower number of course participants that receive the certification.
Office of State Uniform Payroll	State Uniform Payroll	This change affects three groups: state employees, Human Resources (HR)/payroll staff, and insurance vendors who use payroll deductions. While there are no new costs for affected groups, the simpler process should save time and reduce paperwork for all involved.
Department of Health	Home and Community-Based Services Waivers Adult Day Health Care Providers Cost Reporting	The proposed rule amends the provisions governing Adult Day Health Care providers in order to extend the due date for cost report filing from September 30 to November 30. This proposed rule will also add language stating that the late filing penalty is non-refundable and subject to administrative appeal. This rule is not anticipated to result in any fiscal impact to providers or the Medicaid Program in FY 24-25, FY 25-26, or FY 26-27.
Department of Health	Home and Community-Based Services Waivers Community Choices Waiver	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the Community Choices Waiver (CCW). The amendments aim to add a new priority group, specify the requirements for criminal history background checks and database checks for employees, update the Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs) language to reflect the additional CCW services, revise the reimbursement language to agree with the wage floor requirements, and modify the language regarding direct support/service worker wages, other benefits, and workforce retention bonus payments to indicate that Louisiana Department of Health is no longer establishing the criteria. Implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to providers and small businesses in FY 24-25, FY 25-26, and FY 26-27.
Department of Health	Hospital Services Inpatient Hospital Services Other Rural Hospitals	This proposed rule continues the provisions of the September 16, 2024 Emergency Rule, which amended the provisions governing inpatient hospital services to ensure that other rural hospitals remain financially viable so that the access to medical care that they provide to Medicaid beneficiaries in their communities will continue to be available and will improve in the future. (<i>Louisiana Register</i> , Volume 50, Number 9). Providers will benefit from implementation of this proposed rule, since it is anticipated to increase Medicaid payments for inpatient services by approximately \$16,290,104 for FY 24-25, \$17,986,573 for FY 25-26, and \$17,986,573 for FY 26-27.
Department of Health	Hospital Services Outpatient Hospital Services Other Rural Hospitals	This proposed rule continues the provisions of the September 16, 2024 Emergency Rule, which ensures that other rural hospitals remain financially viable so that the access to medical care that they provide to Medicaid beneficiaries in their communities will continue to be available and will improve in the future (<i>Louisiana Register</i> , Volume 50, Number 9). This proposed rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the September 16, 2024 Emergency Rule. It is anticipated that providers will benefit from implementation of this proposed rule as Medicaid payments to other rural hospitals are anticipated to increase by approximately \$13,490,352 for FY 24-25, \$14,815,853 for FY 25-26, and \$14,815,853 for FY 26-27.

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Department of Health	Imported Crawfish and Shrimp; Notice to Patrons of Food Service Establishments	It is anticipated that this proposed rule will add a nominal cost to the business owners of the retail food establishment who serve imported seafood and don't label their menus correctly.
Department of Health	Marine and Fresh Water Animal Food Products	LDH will no longer be receiving permit fees, nor be required to obtain a laboratory contract, collect and transport statewide samples. Affected businesses will now pay fees to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 48—Standardized Claim Form	The proposed rule change will have no impact on economic costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Insurance	Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers	The proposed rule change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Louisiana Economic Development	Louisiana Economic Development Procurement Code	There is no anticipated impact on businesses due to the proposed rule change and implementation of the LED Procurement Code. LED will continue to award contracts on a competitive basis and all businesses will be encouraged to continue to participate in all solicitation events.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Emergency Plan for Sex Offenders on Probation and Parole Supervision in the Event of an Emergency/Disaster	There is no estimated cost and/or economic benefit to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Weapons in the Designated Gaming Area	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.
Department of Public Safety and Corrections	Ignition Interlock Devices	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected person, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Department of State Elections Division	Procurement and Certification of Voting Equipment	Voting system makers or suppliers applying for certification will be charged a certification fee. Although the certification fees are indeterminable at this time, they are intended to cover the necessary expenses to retain independent experts to assist in the voting system certification. Such fees depend on several factors that can only be evaluated at the time requests for certification are received, including but not limited to the type of equipment to be tested, testing duration, preparation of reports and recommendations, and travel and lodging expenses.