



LNHA State Regulatory Update: January 2018

Each month, the Division of Administration publishes the Louisiana Register which chronicles the executive orders and regulatory changes proposed or enacted by the state. To keep our members abreast of any regulatory changes, Wes Hataway, LNHA Legal and Policy Director, publishes a monthly summary of regulatory changes affecting our profession. Click [here](#) to view the December edition.

Final Rules

Home Health Program: Home Health Encounters and Services (LAC 50:XIII. Chapters 1-5)

In October, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) published a Notice of Intent to amend the provisions governing home health services. The amendments were necessary to comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations requiring face-to-face encounters to clarify the provisions governing home health services settings and to remove the visit limit for adult recipients in order to align services with those received by the Medicaid expansion population.

LNHA informed its members of the proposed amendments in the [October 2017](#) State Regulatory Update.

Since its introduction, the proposed rule has been properly implemented through the administrative process. As such, the rule became final on January 20, 2018. The full text of the final rule can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or comments regarding this update, contact LNHA's Legal and Policy Director, Wes Hataway, at whataway@lnha.org.