



## LNHA State Regulatory Update: August 2018

### Notice of Intent

#### **Medicaid Employee Criminal History Records Checks (LAC 50:I.103)**

[Act 147](#) of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature mandated that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) perform criminal history records checks of current and prospective employees, contractors and subcontractors within the Medicaid eligibility section of the Department with access to federal tax information. The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information will conduct the records checks which will provide an extra level of security due to the sensitive information handled by these LDH employees.

Read the proposed amendment [here](#) on page 121 of the PDF. If you have a comment to the proposed rule, please submit to Jen Steele at [MedicaidPolicy@la.gov](mailto:MedicaidPolicy@la.gov) or mail to Bureau of Health Services Financing, Attn: Jen Steele, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. LDH will host a public hearing of the proposed rule at 9:30 a.m. on September 27, 2018, in Room 118 of the Bienville Building at 628 North Fourth St., Baton Rouge, LA.

### Final Rule

#### **Home- and Community-Based Services Providers Licensing Standards (LAC 48:I.5043)**

The rules concerning home- and community-based service (HCBS) providers were amended to include the following: any HCBS provider that employs contractors, including independent contractors, shall ensure that such utilization complies with all state and federal laws, rules and/or regulations, including those enforced by the United States Department of Labor. Read the rule [here](#) on page 38 of the PDF.

If you have comments or concerns regarding this update, contact LNHA's Legal and Policy Director, Wes Hataway at [whataway@lnha.org](mailto:whataway@lnha.org).