



## LNHA State Regulatory Update: February 2019

### Final Rule

#### **Nursing Facilities — Reimbursement Case-Mix Documentation Reviews and Index Reports (LAC 50:II.20013)**

In November 2018, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) published a Notice of Intent amending the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to align the case-mix index threshold percentage for nursing facility rate setting with the national threshold percentage. The change is related to the threshold percentage of unsupported assessments in the initial on-site case-mix documentation review (CMDR) which triggers an expansion of the CMDR sample. Prior to the amendment, the regulation stated if the percentage of unsupported assessments in the initial onsite CMDR sample was greater than 25%, the sample shall be expanded and shall include the greater of 20% of the remaining resident assessments or ten assessments. The amendment lowers the threshold of unsupported assessments in the initial CMDR to greater than 20%.

Since its introduction, the proposed amendment has been properly implemented through the administrative process. As such, the amendment became final and effective on February 20, 2019. A full text of the final rule can be found [here](#) on page 87 of the PDF.

### Questions

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).