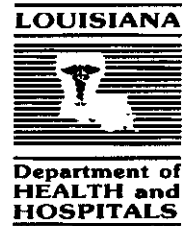





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Waiver Service Recipients
FROM: Ben A. Bearden
Medicaid Director 
SUBJECT: 1115 Waiver
DATE: November 28, 2005

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, many individuals were displaced to other states. Many states requested and received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an 1115 Waiver to provide services to Louisiana Medicaid waiver recipients who are located in their state.

Those states which are currently approved are: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. To access the information regarding services available, go to the following website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/katrina/1115wvr.asp> or you may contact the local Medicaid office in the appropriate state.

Effective December 1, 2005, Louisiana will no longer provide services to waiver recipients residing in an approved 1115 state. All waiver recipients currently residing in any of these states are to immediately apply for services in that state. You will retain your waiver slot in Louisiana until further notice.

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