

ADVISORY GROUP ON Efficiency and Benchmarking **PROPOSAL#:** AGEB # 3
SUBJECT: Medicaid Emergency Room Visits **DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP:** 9-8-09
COMMISSION ACTION: _____ **DATE:** _____

RECOMMENDATION: To limit the number of emergency rooms visits to two annually for treatment of a nonemergency medical conditions for Medicaid enrollees under Louisiana's Medicaid Program who wish to have Medicaid pay for their treatment, and for patients who are not covered by a public or private insurance program, and therefore are uninsured, and who wish to receive their treatment without cost or substantially without cost because they are unable to pay for their treatment.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/Study
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The Louisiana Streamlining Government Commission recommends to the governor and the Louisiana Legislature that Louisiana law be changed to provide that Medicaid enrollees under Louisiana's Medicaid Program who wish to have Medicaid pay for their treatment, and patients who are not covered by a public or private insurance program, and therefore are uninsured, and who wish to receive their treatment without cost or substantially without cost because they are unable to pay for their treatment, shall be limited to two (2) visits per year to an emergency room of a Louisiana hospital for treatment of a nonemergency medical condition. The Commission further recommends that the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals be directed to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this change in Louisiana law.