## DIGEST

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## Edwards

HCR No. 1

Amends the Medicaid eligibility rules of DHH to cause La. Medicaid eligibility standards to expand in conformance with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) beginning on the later of the following dates:

(1) 30 days after federal approval of the La. state plan for Medicaid expansion.

## (2) Jan. 1, 2015.

Authorizes the secretary of DHH to implement Medicaid expansion in the same or a substantially similar manner as provided in any state expansion program heretofore approved by the federal Medicaid agency allowing newly eligible beneficiaries to acquire insurance policies through the health insurance exchange created by the ACA.

Authorizes and directs the secretary of DHH to submit to the federal Medicaid agency on or before Sept. 1, 2014, any state plan amendments and demonstration waiver applications as may be necessary to implement the Medicaid expansion.

(Amends LAC 50:III.501)