

CLARIFICATION NOTICE

BAYOU HEALTH Waiver Participants

As announced in the previous [LaDDC News \(May 25, 2012\)](#) waiver recipients younger than 19 are voluntary participants of Bayou Health. Unfortunately, the Department of Health and Hospitals announced that incorrect information was mistakenly sent to waiver participants under the age of 19 informing them that their participation in Bayou Health was mandatory. In addition, parents wishing to opt out of Bayou Health have indicated that Bayou Health representatives had this incorrect information also.

Medicaid verified that recipients younger than 19 are voluntary participants in BAYOU HEALTH and are taking actions to correct this misinformation.

BAYOU HEALTH will be sending out letters with the correct information to the parents/guardians of waiver recipients younger than 19 very soon. The deadline to choose a plan in BAYOU HEALTH or opt out will be extended.

Second letters will also be going to mandatory participants (those age 19 and over) to extend the deadline for enrollment.

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