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## Report Highlights

# Medicaid Participant Fees Paid for Deceased Individuals

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### Why We Conducted This Audit

To determine if DHH paid Medicaid participant fees for deceased individuals in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Bayou Health programs between February 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013.

### What We Found

During fiscal year 2012, DHH implemented the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Bayou Health programs. DHH is responsible for determining participant eligibility and enrolling participants in these programs.

DHH paid \$1,849,474 in participant fees for 1,727 deceased individuals in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Bayou Health programs between February 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. Approximately 53% of these payments were for participants who died before the programs began as illustrated by the exhibit above.

#### Participant Fee Payments for Deceased Individuals

Date of Participant's Death	Number of Participants	Total Payments
Before February 1, 2012	392	\$984,165
Between February 1, 2012, and March 31, 2013	535	796,305
After March 31, 2013	800	69,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>\$1,849,474</b>

**Source:** Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using DHH Medicaid and Vital Records data.

#### Breakdown of Participant Fee Payments for Deceased Individuals, by Bayou Health Entity

Entity	Total Payments
Amerigroup Louisiana, Inc.	\$441,216
LaCare	598,964
Louisiana Healthcare Connections, Inc.	527,341
Community Health Solutions of America, Inc.	8,364
UnitedHealthcare of Louisiana, Inc.	15,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,591,510</b>

**Source:** Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using DHH Medicaid and Vital Records data.

Of the \$1,849,474, Magellan Health Services, which is associated with the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, received \$257,964 (14%) and the five entities associated with the Bayou Health program received \$1,591,510 (86%). The exhibit at left provides a breakdown of payments received by each entity participating in the Bayou Health program.

- Based on our analysis, DHH does not have a sufficient process in place for identifying deceased Medicaid participants in a timely manner.
- According to DHH management, the department should be able to recover the payments identified in this report.