



Report Highlights

Medicaid Participant Fees Paid for Incarcerated Individuals

Department of Health and Hospitals

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We determined whether or not the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) paid Medicaid Participant Fees for incarcerated individuals in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Bayou Health programs between February 1, 2012 and December 31, 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 \$2,688,805 in participant fees for 2,644 incarcerated individuals in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and Bayou Health programs between February 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013. Approximately 27% (\$719,959) of these payments were for participants who were incarcerated before the programs began as illustrated in Exhibit 1.

Of the \$2,688,805, Magellan Health Services, which is associated with the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership, received \$465,088 (17%) and the five entities associated with the Bayou Health program received \$2,223,717 (83%). Exhibit 2 provides a breakdown of payments received by each entity participating in the Bayou Health program.

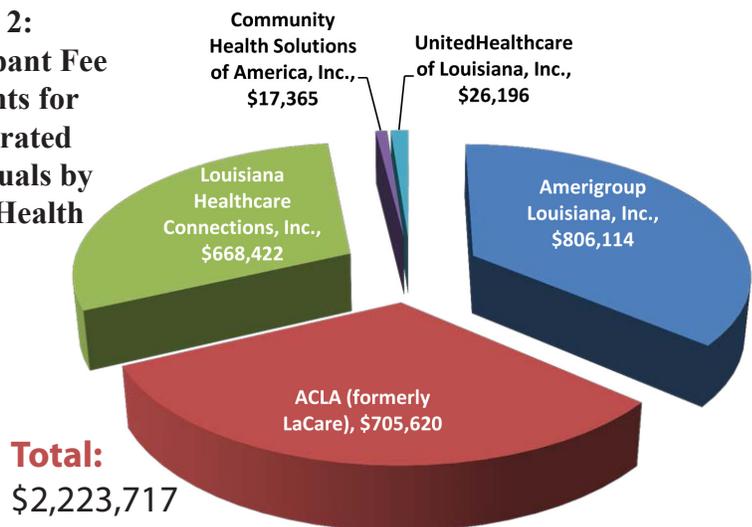
- Based on our analysis, DHH does not have a sufficient process in place for identifying incarcerated Medicaid participants in a timely manner.
- According to DHH management, the department should be able to recover the payments identified in this report.

**Exhibit 1:
Participant Fee Payments for Incarcerated Individuals by
Date of Participant's Incarceration**

Date of Participant's Incarceration	Number of Incarcerations*	Total Payments
Before February 1, 2012	525	\$719,959
Between February 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013	2,041	1,892,418
After September 30, 2013	170	76,428
Totals	2,736	\$2,688,805

*The number of participant incarcerations does not equal the number of participants because some participants have multiple incarcerations.
Source: Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using DHH Medicaid and Louisiana Department of Corrections data.

Exhibit 2: Participant Fee Payments for Incarcerated Individuals by Bayou Health Entity



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