



State of Louisiana
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Office of Aging and Adult Services

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Licensed Hospitals
All Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

FROM: Theresa Forrester, Program Operations Director
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DATE: January 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Winter Weather Watch and NFA Processes

Theresa Forrester

This is a notification for all Medicaid certified nursing facilities and licensed hospitals of the current winter weather watch and state declared emergency. Winter weather including ice, freezing rain, sleet and possibly snow is forecasted through north, southwest and central Louisiana beginning Friday, January 23, 2026 through Sunday, January 25, 2026.

In case of state office closure, OAAS Nursing Facility admissions will continue the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) process. No major impacts are expected for NFA processes at this time. However, referral sources should continue to follow the current process and electronically submit the Level I PASRR via the Maximus online system AssessmentPro.

Attached is a Winter Weather Notice which includes safety tips and resources/references for the severe weather event. If you have any questions or for assistance with an emergency case, please contact Sheri Reed (sheri.reed@la.gov) or Tammy Chaisson (tammy.chaisson@la.gov) at 337-262-1664.

Enclosure: Winter Weather Notice, OAAS-ADM-25-002