Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Director, State of Louisiana

Position Title: Pharmacist 8

Salary Range: $97,406 – $194,584

Work Schedule: Full-time

Duty Location: Baton Rouge, LA

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Hospitals Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF/Medicaid) is seeking a Louisiana State Licensed Pharmacist to serve as our Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Director.

Louisiana’s Medicaid Program does not directly provide health services to citizens but is a payer to providers for services to eligible individuals who are enrolled in the Program. The Bureau is responsible for determination of Medicaid eligibility, certification and enrollment of health care providers, payment to Medicaid providers, fraud and abuse investigations, licensure, and other administrative functions.

The Louisiana Medicaid program is one of the largest state programs with a total expenditure of approximately $6.5 billion. The Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Director performs duties under the direct supervision of the Medicaid Director.

Essential Functions:
This position is responsible in assuring that program guidelines are in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations. The position is responsible for managing and directing three sub-units and five contractors which are responsible for the various components of the LMPBM. The position will supervises and directs the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Management Unit. Interprets and applies federal and state statutes, laws and regulations. Within the Department, acts as the chief pharmacy resource relative to pharmacy benefit coverage, delivery and assessment. The position oversees the daily operations of the Louisiana Pharmacy Benefits Management Program. Perform other duties as assigned.

Essential Qualifications:
The ideal candidate will have extensive experience at an executive level in a large agency. The person should be an innovative leader who embraces challenge, think analytically, with a management style that demonstrates courage and promotes competence, courtesy, collaboration, creativity and effective communications. Candidates should have a passion for best practices, a demonstrated record of bringing...
systems of care through a change process and a commitment to collaborative working relationships with partners such as advocacy, provider, legislative, and governmental/regulatory agencies.

Candidates should have extensive knowledge of federal and state public health care programs, integrated health care systems, health care purchasing, Medicaid, the health insurance industry and national public health care reform issues and trends.

You must be a Louisiana Licensed Pharmacist, plus either of the following:
   1. Eight years of experience as a licensed pharmacist; or
   2. A master’s or doctorate degree in pharmacy plus six years of experience as a licensed pharmacist.

Conditions of Employment:
   1. Relocation expenses will not be paid
   2. Male applicants born after December 31, 1959, MUST be registered with the selective Service System or certify they are exempt from this requirement under Selective Service Law.
   3. Some travel may be required.
   4. Pass the pre-employment drug screen
   5. Provide your original Social Security card or your request for a duplicate card from the Social Security Administration.
   6. Agree to direct deposit of your wages and/or compensation into either a checking or savings account and provide account verification with an acceptable financial institution.
   7. Contribute into the retirement system.
   8. As an employee of DHH, you may be required to provide assistance to the citizens of the State of Louisiana during emergency conditions by working in a “Special Needs Shelter, command center, etc.

Benefits:
In addition to a competitive starting salary commensurate with experience, we offer an excellent benefits package including coverage under the Louisiana State Employee Retirement System (LASERS), State Group Benefits Health Plan, deferred compensation, and sick/personal leave.

Applying for this Position:
Please go to the Louisiana State Department of Civil Service Website to apply for this position at: http://www.civilservice.la.gov/jobseekers.asp