

**PARISH OF LINCOLN,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
MAY 13, 2025**

The following ordinance, having been previously introduced on April __, 2025, notice having been published, and a public hearing held thereon on the date hereof, was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance authorizing the participation in the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program by the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other statutory authority supplemental thereto (the "Act"), creates and provides for a local healthcare provider participation program for the purpose of financing state and local healthcare expenditures under Medicaid through an assessment on certain local healthcare providers within a parish; and

WHEREAS, local hospital assessments will result in an increase of the federal matching funds paid annually to certain local healthcare providers to be used to pay healthcare costs, maintain access to healthcare, and expand access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), wishes to participate in a healthcare provider participation program pursuant to the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Annual Assessment. For the privilege of operating in the Parish, there is levied upon certain local healthcare providers, pursuant to the Act, a Local Hospital Assessment for each fiscal year. The rate of the assessment for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and will be provided annually by resolution of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority").

SECTION 2. Adoption of State Law. The Local Hospital Assessment shall be levied, collected and used, or refunded to paying certain local healthcare providers, in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 40, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E, as amended, which are adopted and incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. Payments. The Local Hospital Assessment levied herein shall be due quarterly. Any payment not paid within thirty days of the due date shall be deemed delinquent. Interest at the rate of one-quarter (0.25) percent per month may be added to the amount of the delinquent payment and such interest shall be computed from the due date of the payment until it is paid. Such interest may be waived for good cause shown. All penalties and interest attributable to delinquent Local Hospital Assessment payments will be deposited and made part of the local provider participation fund.

SECTION 4. Local Hospital Assessment Fund. There is hereby created the "Local Hospital Assessment Fund" in which to deposit the Local Hospital Assessments received by the Parish. The Governing Authority shall designate one or more banks as a depository for the Local Hospital Assessment payments received by the parish. A bank designated as a depository serves until a successor is designated. [name of bank] located at [address of bank], is designated as the depository for Local Hospital Assessment payments received by the Parish.

The Governing Authority may select an appropriate entity to collect the Local Hospital Assessment payments in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.9. The amount of annual fees for collecting the Local Hospital Payments that may be paid for each fiscal year shall be in accordance with La. R.S. 40:1248.8 and 40:1248.9 and will be approved annually by resolution of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. Authorized Use of Funds. Monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund shall not be commingled with other funds of the Parish. Excess monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund in any given fiscal year may be carried forward to the following fiscal year.

Monies in the Local Hospital Assessment Fund may be used only as permitted for one or more of the following purposes or as allowed by La. R.S. 40:1248.7:

1. To fund intergovernmental transfers from the Parish to the State of Louisiana (the "State") to provide the nonfederal share of a program of Medicaid payments that benefit hospitals in the Parish.
2. To pay the allowable administrative expenses of the Parish associated exclusively with activities authorized by La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10. The amount of allowable administrative expenses of the Parish may not exceed the amount stated in La. R.S. 40:1248.8(D).
3. To refund a portion of a Local Hospital Assessment payment collected in error from certain local healthcare providers.
4. To refund certain local healthcare providers the proportionate share of money received by the Parish from the Louisiana Department of Health that is not used to fund the nonfederal share of Medicaid payment program payments.

SECTION 6. Additional Authorizations. The Governing Authority, through the Police Jury President and the Parish Administrator, is authorized to take all other actions necessary to implement the requirements of the Act.

SECTION 7. Conflicts. To the extent any section of this Ordinance is inconsistent with or conflicts with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Revised Statutes will control.

SECTION 8. Publication. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Parish.

SECTION 9. Section Headings. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
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Gregory Williams	_____	_____	_____	_____
Karen Ludley	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dan Lord	_____	_____	_____	_____
T.J. Cranford	_____	_____	_____	_____
Logan Hunt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Glenn Scriber	_____	_____	_____	_____
Matt Pullin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Chris Garriga	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Henderson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Milton Melton	_____	_____	_____	_____
Diane Richards	_____	_____	_____	_____
Annette Straughter	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 13th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Courtney Hall

Parish Administrator

/s/ Glenn Scriber

President, Police Jury

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LINCOLN

I, the undersigned Parish Administrator of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish on May 13, 2025, authorizing the participation in the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program by the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the 13th day of May, 2025.

Parish Administrator