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Medicaid Policy Advocate (Louisiana Budget Project)

The Louisiana Budget Project is seeking a Public Policy Advocate to lead a new initiative that will focus on improving the enrollment experience for people covered by Medicaid. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with a strong knowledge of healthcare policy, top-notch research, analysis and writing skills, and a desire to work directly with state officials and other stakeholders to help reduce or eliminate the administrative barriers that prevent people from obtaining and retaining health coverage. The successful candidate will have a commitment to advancing racial and economic equity, strong interpersonal skills, and experience in healthcare policy in a research or advocacy capacity.

The Louisiana Budget Project is an independent, 501c(3) nonprofit research and advocacy organization that monitors and reports on policies that affect low- to moderate-income Louisianans. We work collaboratively with communities and partner organizations to inform policy debates across a wide range of areas – including state budget, revenue, social and economic issues – with an eye to reducing poverty, promoting racial equity and widespread economic prosperity that allows all citizens to reach their highest potential.

Primary functions and tasks:

- Gain a deep understanding of Louisiana’s Medicaid program, with a focus on the policies and regulations that govern client enrollment.
- Work with state and national partners to develop detailed recommendations for improving the enrollment experience and streamlining access to services, while ensuring that the recommendations are informed by Medicaid client experiences.
- Develop and execute advocacy plans for putting those recommendations into practice.
- Build and maintain relationships with Louisiana Department of Health administrators, state legislators and external stakeholders.
- Help foster and maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment for all individuals with regards to diversity, which may include geography, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, gender or age.

Secondary functions and tasks:

- Assist in coordination and planning of meetings and events.
- Assist with developing communications strategy and messaging.

Required education, experience and skills:

- Bachelor’s degree plus at least two years’ post-graduate work experience.
- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Knowledge of state Medicaid policy and regulations.
- Ability to meet deadlines, solve problems and juggle multiple tasks.
- Strong commitment to applying a racial equity lens to policy work.



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Strongly Preferred:

- Post-graduate degree in public health, public policy, or commensurate experience doing healthcare policy work at a state agency, nonprofit or in the private sector.
- Familiarity with Louisiana's political and public policy environment.
- Familiarity with administrative advocacy and the ways that research, communications, and outreach work together to shape public policy.
- Willingness and ability to travel throughout Louisiana.

Additional information:

- This is a full-time position that reports to the Policy Director. Preference will be given to candidates who can work out of LBP's main office in Baton Rouge.
- The salary range for this position is \$50,000 - \$58,000 per year, depending on experience and education.
- To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and two writing samples to jobs@labudget.org by Monday, Oct. 5, with "Medicaid Policy Advocate" in the subject line.

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