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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment**

In compliance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of a CHIP State Plan amendment (SPA) that may have an impact on your tribe.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **February 27, 2025**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at [Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, you may contact Marjorie at the email address above or via telephone at (225) 342-3881.

Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,

*Marjorie V. Jenkins* for  
Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.  
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Attachment

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**CHIP State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
January 28, 2025

**CHIP – Premium Lock-out Period**  
**Effective date: January 1, 2025**

The purpose of this SPA is to eliminate the premium lock-out period and provide assurance that, in accordance with 42 CFR 457.1130(a)(3), beneficiaries are provided with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program.