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Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
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Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
TN 13-25 DSH Public-Private Partnerships (South LA Area)

Bill
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-25 with a proposed effective date of June 24, 2013. The SPA proposes to implement DSH Medicaid qualifying criteria and payments for Medicaid and uninsured inpatient hospital services provided by non-state owned hospitals participating in public-private partnerships in New Orleans, Lafayette, Houma, and Lake Charles.

The State received a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on this proposed SPA and sent a response to CMS on September 6, 2013. We are now requesting that the September 6th RAI response be withdrawn to allow the State more time to submit additional information and work with CMS to resolve the remaining concerns. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this State Plan amendment.

We appreciate the assistance of Tamara Sampson in resolving these issues.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of J. Ruth Kennedy in black ink.

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

JRK/DA