



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
TN13-28 DSH Public-Private Partnerships (North LA Area)

Bill
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-28 with a proposed effective date of October 1, 2013. The SPA establishes disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to hospitals participating in public-private partnerships in Shreveport and Monroe.

The State received a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on this proposed SPA and sent a response to CMS on September 20, 2013. We are now requesting that the September 20th RAI response be withdrawn to allow the State more time to submit additional information and work with CMS to resolve the remaining concerns.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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Ruth Kennedy".

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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