



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

June 15, 2012

National Institutional Reimbursement Team
Attention: Mark Cooley
CMS, CMSO
7500 Security Boulevard, M/S S3-13-15
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan Amendment
Transmittal No. (TN) 11-38
Nursing Facilities- Reimbursement Methodology – Low Income and Needy Care
Collaboration (LINCC)

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-38 with a proposed effective date of November 1, 2011. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the nursing facilities - reimbursement methodology to establish a supplemental Medicaid payment for nursing facilities that enter into an agreement with a state or local governmental entity for the purpose of providing health care services to low income and needy patients.

In response to your request for additional information (RAI) the state submitted a reply dated April 5, 2012. The state then received an email outlining CMS' concerns with the financing of the LINCC arrangements on June 13, 2012. The email also requested the state withdraw its RAI response letter to place the SPA in 'clock-stopped' status. We now request that the RAI response dated April 5, 2012 be withdrawn so that the State can work with CMS to address the outstanding issues on the amendment. We appreciate the assistance of Sandy Dashieff in resolving this issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Keydra Singleton at 225-342-4294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Gregory".

Don Gregory
Director