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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
Transmittal No. 12-32 OPH Medicaid Cost Shortfall (formerly Uncompensated Care
Payments)


Dear Mr. Brooks

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 12-32 with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2012. The purpose of this amendment is to establish Medicaid payment at costs for services rendered by the Office of Public Health (OPH) to Medicaid eligible recipients.

In a conference call on October 24, 2013, CMS recommended that the state withdraw its Request for Additional Information (RAI) response in order to allow more time to resolve outstanding issues with this plan amendment. We now request that the RAI response sent August 16, 2013 be withdrawn. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this State Plan amendment.

We appreciate the assistance of Ford Blunt in resolving these issues.

Sincerely,



J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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