



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

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CMSO-DEHPG-Division of Pharmacy
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Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 12-66 Pharmacy Benefits Management Program-Methods of Payment

Dear Mr. Reed:

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 12-66 with a proposed effective date of November 1, 2012. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the provisions governing the method of payment for prescription drugs covered under the Pharmacy Benefits Management Program.

The State received the Request for Additional Information (RAI) letter dated March 19, 2013. The State submitted a response to the RAI on June 14, 2013. We now request that the RAI response be withdrawn so that the State can work with CMS to address the outstanding issues relative to this plan amendment. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this State Plan amendment.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ruth Kennedy".

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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