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SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Kliebert:

Thank you for your letter regarding the disapproval of Louisiana State Plan Amendments 13-23, 13-25, and 13-28. In your letter you emphasize the importance of identifying alternative structures acceptable to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for paying private partner hospitals that are providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries and the uninsured citizens of Louisiana.

The CMS is working with staff from Louisiana regarding the state's goals of restructuring its charity care system. I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts toward meeting the health care needs of low-income individuals in Louisiana. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tavenner