



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

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Mr. 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


Dear Mr. Brooks:

**Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 13-31
Professional Services Program-Public-Private Partnerships-
Professional Practitioners Supplemental Payments**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-31 with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2013. The purpose of this amendment is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the Professional Services Program to provide a supplemental payment to physicians and other professional service practitioners employed by a physician group affiliated with certain non-state-owned hospitals participating in public-private partnerships.

As a result of CMS disapproving similar State Plan amendments relative to the public-private partnerships, the State has decided to withdraw this State Plan amendment. Therefore, we request that the State Plan amendment submitted as TN 13-31 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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