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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

October 21, 2015

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, Director
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
628 N. 4th Street
Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030

RE: Louisiana 14-0041

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am responding to Louisiana's petition for reconsideration ("Petition") of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) disapproval of Louisiana's proposed State Plan amendment for supplemental payments to qualifying non-state government owned or operated nursing facilities, referred to herein as "Supplemental Payment Program" or "Program" (SPA 14-0041). This Petition was received by CMS via email on September 30, 2015.

CMS is not able to honor Louisiana's request for reconsideration because it was not filed within the 60-day period from the state's receipt of the July 16, 2015 Disapproval Letter of SPA 14-0041; as set forth by the statutory requirements of section 1116(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

CMS is available for technical assistance to further explain the reasons for the disapproval of SPA 14-0041 and to work with Louisiana if it elects to submit another State Plan Amendment.

If there are any questions, please contact Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431 or by e-mail at Tamara.Sampson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations