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Bill Brooks
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DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
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Dear Mr. Brooks:

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 14-24, Inpatient Hospital Services-Elective Deliveries**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 14-24 with an effective date of August 20, 2014. This SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services in order to cease reimbursement for elective deliveries performed prior to 39 weeks gestation when there is no documentation of a medical condition that would justify elective delivery.

During consultation with CMS on this proposed amendment, the State was informed that page 4.19-A is not needed because the State addresses the coverage limitation on page 3.1-A. As a result of these discussions, the State has decided not to pursue this State Plan Amendment and will combine the SPA page 3.1A with the coverage related pages in the pending SPA under TN 14-30. Therefore, we request that the State Plan Amendment TN 14-24 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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