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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. 14-33
Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership 1915(i) Behavioral Health Services**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 14-33 with a proposed effective date of March 1, 2015. The purpose of this amendment is to amend the provisions governing 1915(i) Behavioral Health services in order to make programmatic and technical changes to the State Plan.

According to CMS, this State Plan Amendment (SPA) needs to be withdrawn to allow the State adequate time to complete the transition plans and public notifications that must accompany the submission of this SPA. Therefore, we request that the State Plan amendment submitted as TN 14-33 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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