



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

August 5, 2015

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. 15-0004 Inpatient Hospital Services- Children's Specialty  
Hospitals -Supplemental Payments for Children's Hospital**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0004 with a proposed effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposes to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for inpatient hospital services rendered by children's specialty hospitals in the New Orleans area.

CMS recommended that the State withdraw its response to the request for additional information (RAI) in order to allow more time to resolve outstanding issues with this plan amendment. We now request that the RAI response sent July 10, 2015 be withdrawn. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this State Plan amendment.

We appreciate the assistance of Tamara Sampson in resolving these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Ruth Kennedy".

J. Ruth Kennedy  
Medicaid Director

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