



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. 15-0005 Inpatient Hospital Services-NR, NS Hospitals-
Supplemental Payments for Woman's Hospital**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0005 with a proposed effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposes to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals in order to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for services provided by hospitals located in the Baton Rouge 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 We now request that the RAI response sent June 11, 2015, be withdrawn.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 that reads "J. Ruth Kennedy for".

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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