



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

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September 2, 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. 15-0008 Outpatient Hospital Services- -Supplemental Payments  
for Baton Rouge Area Hospitals (Woman's Hospital)**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0008 with a proposed effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposes to amend the provisions governing outpatient 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 Monroe 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 We now request that the RAI response, sent July 10, 2015, be withdrawn.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 Ford Blunt 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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