



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

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May 19, 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. 15-0014, Long-Term Personal Care Services-Electronic Visit  
Verification (EVV)**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0014 with an effective date of April 1, 2015. This SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing the long-term personal care services (LT-PCS) in order to adopt requirements which mandate LT-PCS providers must utilize the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for LT-PCS.

In initial discussions of this SPA, the State was informed that the mandatory requirement of EVV use may be a provider qualification that needed to be included in the Medicaid State Plan. Subsequent discussions with CMS have clarified that this requirement is a procedural change that does not have to be incorporated in the State Plan. Therefore, the State has decided not to pursue this State Plan Amendment and requests that TN 15-0014 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Ruth Kennedy for".

J. Ruth Kennedy  
Medicaid Director

JRK/DAB/SSJ