

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Dallas Regional Office  
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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

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May 23, 2016

Our Reference: SPA LA 15-0017

Ms. Jen Steele, Interim State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
628 North 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Post Office Box 91030  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attention: Darlene Budgewater

Dear Ms. Steele:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 15-0017 dated December 21, 2015. This state plan amendment terminates the behavioral health services rendered under the 1915 (i) authority. These behavioral health services will be incorporated into the Medicaid state plan.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Louisiana State Plan with an effective date change of December 1, 2015. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278 or by email at [Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>15-0017</b>	2. STATE <b>Louisiana</b>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>December 1, 2015</b>	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

**42 CFR 447, Subpart F**

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

- a. FFY 2016      \$0  
b. FFY 2017      \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

**Attachment 3.1-G, Pages 1 through 42 (Remove pages)**  
**Attachment 3.1-G, Pages 43 through 44 (Remove pages)**

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

**Same (TN 11-13)**  
**Same (TN 13-38)**

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: **The SPA proposes to terminate the behavioral health services rendered under the 1915(i) State Plan authority.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

**The Governor does not review state plan material.**

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:

**Kathy H. Kliebert**

14. TITLE:

**Secretary**

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

**December 21, 2015**

16. RETURN TO:

**J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director**  
**State of Louisiana**  
**Department of Health and Hospitals**  
**628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**PO Box 91030**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

21 December, 2015

18. DATE APPROVED:

23 May, 2016

**PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

1 December, 2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

*Bill Brooks*

21. TYPED NAME:

Bill Brooks

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

23. REMARKS: