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Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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March 28, 2016

Bill Brooks  
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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. 15-0026 Children's Behavioral Health Services – Louisiana  
Behavioral Health Partnership Integration**

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0026 with a proposed effective date of December 1, 2015. The State Plan Amendment (SPA) proposes to amend the provisions governing children's behavioral health services in order to: 1) narrow the statewide management organization's scope of service administration to coordinated system of care (CSoC) services only; 2) delegate provider certification functions to managed care organizations (MCOs) if the Department so chooses; 3) establish coverage for crisis stabilization services; 4) remove the service limitations for psychosocial rehabilitation and crisis intervention services; and 5) revise the reimbursement methodology to reflect the integration of specialized behavioral health services into Bayou Health by establishing capitation payments to managed care organizations rather than a statewide management organization.

CMS recommended that the State withdraw its response to the request for additional information (RAI) in order to allow more time to revise/review the service descriptions for community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) and psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) included in the SPA. We now request that the RAI response sent on February 17, 2016 be withdrawn. We understand this action will stop the clock on the SPA.

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We appreciate the assistance of Cheryl Rupley in resolving these issues.

Sincerely,



Jen Steele

Interim Medicaid Director

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c: Cheryl Rupley