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Mrs. Jen Steele, Director
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RE: Louisiana 15-0031

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We have reviewed the proposed State plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0031. The purpose of this SPA is to reduce the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments made to non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals for inpatient psychiatric services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. As part of the review process the State was asked to provide information regarding funding of the State share of expenditures under Attachment 4.19-A.

Based upon the information provided by the State, Medicaid State plan amendment 15-0031 is approved effective October 1, 2015. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the new plan page.

If you have any questions, please call Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Fan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, the per diem rate in effect as of September 30, 2015, shall be reduced by five percent. The new per diem rate shall be \$552.05 per day.

Aggregate DSH payments for hospitals that receive payment from this category, and any other DSH category, shall not exceed the hospital's specific DSH limit.

No payment under this section is dependent on any agreement or arrangement for providers or related entities to donate money or services to a governmental entity.

State: Louisiana Date Received: November 10, 2015 Date Approved: APR 15 2016 Date Effective: October 1, 2015 Transmittal Number: 15-0031
