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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. 15-0004 Inpatient Hospital Services – Children's Specialty
Hospitals - Supplemental Payments for New Orleans Area Hospitals**

Please refer to the above proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0004 with an effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposed to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for inpatient hospital services rendered by children's specialty hospitals in the New Orleans area.

The Department no longer wishes to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 15-0004 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee A. Budgewater

for Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

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