



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

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October 13, 2017

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. 15-0005 Inpatient Hospital Services – NR, NS Hospitals  
Supplemental Payments for Baton Rouge Area Hospitals**

Please refer to the above proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0005 with an effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals in order to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for services provided by hospitals located in the Baton Rouge area.

The Department no longer wishes to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 15-0005 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jen Steele".

*Jen Steele*  
for Jen Steele  
Medicaid Director

JS/KHB/MJ