



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

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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. 15-0006 Inpatient Hospital Services – NR, NS Hospitals  
Supplemental Payments for Monroe Area Hospitals**

Please refer to the above proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0006 with an effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing reimbursement methodology for 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 Department's Administrative Region 8 in the Monroe area.

The Department no longer wishes to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 15-0006 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

*Lee A. Budgewater*

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Medicaid Director

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