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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. 15-0007 Outpatient 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) 15-0007 with an effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposed to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for outpatient 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The Department no longer wishes to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 15-0007 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

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