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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. 15-0008 Outpatient Hospital Services- Non-Rural, Non-State
Hospitals-Supplemental Payments for Baton Rouge Area Hospitals
(Woman's)**

Please refer to the above proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0008 with an effective date of February 12, 2015. The SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing outpatient 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The Department no longer wishes to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 15-0008 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Budgewater".

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

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