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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendments

In compliance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of the State Plan amendments (SPAs) that may have an impact on your tribe.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed State Plan amendments. Please provide any comments you may have by October 14, 2016 to Mrs. Darlene Budgewater via email to Darlene.Budgewater@la.gov or by postal mail to:

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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Mrs. Budgewater will be glad to assist you. You may reach her by email or telephone at (225) 342-3881. Thanks for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,


Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

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c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendments for submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments

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Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities – Evacuation and Temporary Sheltering Costs

Effective October 13, 2016

The SPA proposes to revise the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/ID) to establish provisions governing evacuation and temporary sheltering costs incurred during a declared disaster or emergency event to ensure evacuating ICFs/ID continue to receive vendor payment while providing essential care and services to residents at a host site when they are displaced.

Nursing Facilities – Evacuation and Temporary Sheltering Costs

Effective October 13, 2016

The SPA proposes to revise the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to amend the provisions governing evacuation and temporary sheltering costs in order to ensure that an evacuating nursing facility continues to receive vendor payment while providing essential care and services to residents at a host site when they are displaced.