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PUBLIC NOTICE Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing Recovery Audit Contractor Program The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), U.S. Public Law 111-148 and 111-152 directed states to establish a Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program to audit payments to Medicaid providers. Act 568 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Department of Health and Hospitals to implement a RAC program. In compliance with the PPACA, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing submitted a Medicaid State Plan amendment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and secured the approval to implement a RAC program for Louisiana Medicaid claims. In compliance with Act 568, the department promulgated an Emergency Rule to adopt provisions governing the RAC program (Louisiana Register, Volume 40, Number 11). The provisions of Act 568 excluded claims processed or paid through a capitated Medicaid managed care program from the RAC's scope of review, which significantly limits the engagement outlined in the federal regulations governing RAC (pursuant to 42 CFR Part 455) since the majority of Louisiana's Medicaid claims are processed or paid through a capitated managed care program. The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing has also determined that there are adequate auditing processes currently in place through the Surveillance Utilization Reviews (SURS) Unit, the Managed Care Special Investigation Units and the CMS Medicaid Integrity Contractor (MIC). Therefore, the department has now determined that it is necessary to submit an amendment to CMS to request an exemption from RAC program participation. The department hereby gives public notice of its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment to CMS to request exemption from participation in the Recovery Audit Contractor Program. Exemption from RAC program participation is contingent upon CMS approval of the corresponding State Plan Amendment. Interested persons may submit written comments to Jen Steele, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 708219030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is September 3, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH Secretary Monroe, LA August 4, 2017 0002318333

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