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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendment

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 a State Plan amendment (SPA) that may have an impact on your tribe.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed State Plan amendment. Please provide any comments you may have by February 23, 2017 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,

Darlene A. Budgewater

for
Jen Steele
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Attachment (1)

JS/DB/KS

c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendment for submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments

February 16, 2017

17-0011 Professional Services - Reimbursement Methodology- Supplemental Payments

Effective date February 20, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the reimbursement methodology for supplemental payments to physicians and other professional service practitioners in order to clarify the qualifying criteria for these payments.