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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 March 18, 2017 to Mrs. Darlene Budgewater via email to [Darlene.Budgewater@la.gov](mailto:Darlene.Budgewater@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health  
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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*  
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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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## **17-0008 Pharmacy Benefits Management Program**

**Effective date April 1, 2017**

The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions governing the Pharmacy Benefits Management Program in order to clarify requirements regarding 340B-covered entities, and to revise the reimbursement methodology to include federal upper limits (FUL), new copayment exemptions and over-the-counter medications added for expansion benefits pursuant to CMS' recently released regulations.

## **17-0012 Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH)- Louisiana Low-Income Academic Hospitals - Payment Methodology**

**Effective date May 20, 2017**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for DSH payments to Louisiana low-income academic hospitals in order to revise the reimbursement schedule from annual to quarterly payments.