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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.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed State Plan amendment. Please provide any comments you may have by April 14, 2017 to Mrs. Darlene Budgewater via email to 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,



 Loren Steele
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/DB/KS

c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendments for submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments

March 15, 2017

17-0013 Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) – Federally Mandated Statutory Hospitals (Reduce DSH Pool)

Effective date March 1, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to reduce the total supplemental payments pool for non-rural, non-state hospitals classified as high Medicaid hospitals, and change the frequency of the payments.