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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 December 14, 2016 to Mrs. Darlene Budgewater via email to Darlene.Budgewater@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
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P.O. Box 91030
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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,


for
Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/DB/KAH

c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendment for submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments

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16-0025 Applied Behavioral Analysis Services - Reimbursement Rate Realignment (Effective January 1, 2017)

The SPA proposes to amend the reimbursement methodology governing ABA-based therapy services in order to realign the reimbursement rates to be consistent with the commercial rates for these services.

16-0026 Inpatient Hospital Services - Non-Rural, Non-State - Reimbursement Rate Increase (Effective January 1, 2017)

The SPA proposes to revise the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals.

16-0027 Nursing Facilities – Reimbursement Methodology (MDS & NSGO) (Effective January 1, 2017)

The SPA proposes to revise the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to change the rate setting method from a point-in-time methodology which determines rates by services utilized at a specific time, to a time-weighted methodology which determines rates by services over a longer period of time.

16-0028 Outpatient Hospital Services - Non-Rural, Non-State - Reimbursement Rate Increase (Effective January 1, 2017)

The SPA proposes to amend the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals and children's specialty hospitals.