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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 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 May 31, 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,



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Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

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c: Cheryl Rupley  
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# State Plan Amendment for submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments

May 24, 2017

## **17-0019 - Professional Services Program – Reimbursement Methodology – State Owned or Operated Professional Services Practices**

Effective date: May 1, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions governing the Professional Services Program in order to change the reimbursement methodology for services rendered by physicians and other professional services practitioners employed by, or under contract to provide services in affiliation with a state-owned or operated entity. This rule will reimburse physicians and other professional services practitioners in the amount of billed charges.