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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.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed State Plan amendment(s). Please provide any comments you may have by Friday, July 14, 2017, to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Medicaid Policy and Compliance
P.O. Box 91030
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Mrs. Barnes will be glad to assist you. You may contact her via email at the email address above or via telephone at (225) 342-3881.

Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,


for Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/KB/MJ

c: Cheryl Rupley
Stacey Shuman

State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
July 7, 2017

17-0020 Nursing Facilities - Reimbursement Methodology

Effective date: July 1, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to suspend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to impose provisions to ensure that the current rates in effect do not increase for the state fiscal year 2018 rating period.