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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 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 Wednesday, October 11, 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
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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
September 11, 2017

17-0023 Inpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Reimbursement Rate Increase

Effective date: January 1, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to qualifying non-rural, non-state hospitals and to establish provisions for reimbursement to free-standing rehabilitation hospitals.

17-0024 Outpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Reimbursement Rate Increase

Effective date: January 1, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to increase the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital services paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals and children's specialty hospitals, to the rates in effect on June 30, 2010.

17-0025 Medicaid Eligibility - Express Lane Eligibility

Effective date: January 12, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) by removing certain agencies from the eligibility determinations process, in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.