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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 October 17, 2017, to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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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 Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
October 10, 2017

**17-0027 Intermediate Care Facilities-Intellectual Disabilities- Public Facilities - Transitional Rate Extension**

Effective date: October 1, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for public facilities in order to extend the period of transitional rates for large facilities that provide continuous nursing coverage to medically fragile populations for an additional year.