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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 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 November 10, 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
October 10, 2017

17-0028 Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities – Reimbursement Methodology - Leave of Absence

Effective date: January 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing leave of absence days to exclude bereavement days for close family members from the annual limit.

17-0029 Managed Care for Physical and Behavioral Health – Applied Behavior Analysis-Based Therapy Services Integration

Effective date: February 1, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to include applied behavior analysis-based therapy in the specialized behavioral health services provided in the Healthy Louisiana Program (MCOs).

17-0030 Professional Services Program – State-Owned or Operated Professional Services Practices – Enhanced Reimbursement Rates

Effective date: February 1, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to revise the reimbursement methodology governing 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 in order to enhance the reimbursement rates.

17-0031 Targeted Case Management – Reimbursement Methodology – EPSDT

Effective: January 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for targeted case management services provided to participants in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program in order to adopt a payment methodology based on a flat monthly rate rather than 15-minute increments.