



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

January 19, 2018

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health  
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
1301 Young Street, Room #833  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Brooks:

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan  
Transmittal No. 17-0039 Optional Targeted Low-Income Children**

Please refer to the above proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 17-0039 with an effective date of December 28, 2017. The SPA proposed to adopt provisions governing Medicaid eligibility to increase the maximum income standard for the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children coverage group up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level, to incorporate cost-sharing provisions and to incorporate revisions for the transition of the LaCHIP children to this coverage group.

After further consultation with CMS, the Department has determined that it is no longer necessary to pursue this State Plan amendment and requests that LA SPA TN 17-0039 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

*Darlene Adams Budgewater*

*Jen* Jen Steele  
Medicaid Director

JS/KHB/MJ