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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

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April 6, 2018

Our Reference: SPA LA 18-0002

Ms. Jen Steele, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health  
628 North 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Post Office Box 91030  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attention: Karen Barnes

Dear Ms. Steele:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Louisiana State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 18-0002 dated February 20, 2018. This state plan amendment proposes to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services in order to repeal provisions requiring pre-admission certification, concurrent review and length of stay.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Louisiana State Plan with an effective date change of March 20, 2018. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278 or by email at [Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Rupley@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator



STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED  
LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED  
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CITATION

42 CFR 440.10

SRS PR 40-4 (C-3), July 2, 1971

Inpatient hospital services (other than those provided in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases) are limited to:

- A. "Essential medical care requiring hospitalization" in the judgment of the attending physician or by a dentist, , providing the individual is hospitalized in a short term general hospital as defined in Section 1861, Item (e) of the Social Security Act. General hospitals include the following:
1. A private hospital (except one for tuberculosis or mental diseases), either in Louisiana or in another state, which participates in the vendor payment plan; or
  2. A Louisiana state general hospital (except one for tuberculosis or mental diseases); or
  3. A public hospital (except one for tuberculosis or mental diseases) in another state which pays public hospitals for hospitalization of recipients in that state.
- B. "Essential medical care requiring hospitalization" is defined as care needed for treatment of illness or injury which can be provided safely and adequately only in a hospital and includes basic services the hospital is expected to provide. It does not include:
1. Care which can be provided in a home, in an intermediate care facility, or in a skilled nursing home;
  2. The primary purpose of which is convalescent care; rest, or cosmetic care; or
  3. Diagnostic or surgical procedures when such diagnostic survey or surgery can be performed on an outpatient basis (See Item 1, E.)

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- C. Each hospital is required to have a Utilization Review Committee.
- D. Effective December 2, 1994, there will be no Medicaid payment for reservation of a bed for a recipient who is temporarily absent from that facility.

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