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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 November 20, 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 Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
October 20, 2017

17-0032 Home Health Program – Home Health Encounters and Services
Effective date: January 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing home health services in order to comply with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations requiring face-to-face encounters, to clarify the provisions governing home health services settings, and to remove the visit limit for adult recipients in order to align services with those received by the Medicaid expansion population.