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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 SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **April 18, 2018**, 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
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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
Stacey Shuman

State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
March 20, 2018

Adult Behavioral Health Services

Effective date: June 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing adult behavioral health services in order to: 1) clarify the medical necessity criteria and target population for mental health services; 2) allow for more frequent assessments and treatment plan updates based on individual needs; 3) clarify information required to ensure treatment records are comprehensive and include all necessary documents; and 4) update language and revise service authorization requirements.

Nursing Facilities – Standards for Payment

Effective date: June 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the standards for payments for nursing facilities in order to clarify the definitions of admission and continued stay, clarify the provisions governing the levels of care pathways and eliminate the behavior pathway for meeting nursing facility level of care.

Pharmacy Benefits Management Program – Physician Administered Drugs - Reimbursement Methodology

Effective date: July 1, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the Pharmacy Benefits Management Program to revise the reimbursement methodology for physician-administered drugs.