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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.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **June 22, 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
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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "for Karen H. Barnes".

Jen Steele
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Attachment (1)

JS/KB/MJ

c: Cheryl Rupley
Stacey Shuman

State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
June 15, 2018

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

Effective date: October 2, 2017

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP) to assure the State of Louisiana's compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) federal mandate, that prevents health care service plans from imposing more restrictive benefit limitations on mental health and substance use disorders (MH/SUD) benefits than on medical/surgical (M/S) benefits.