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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 a State Plan amendments (SPAs) that may have an impact on your tribe.

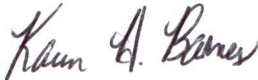
Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **August 19, 2018**, to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

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Medicaid Policy and Compliance
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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
Stacey Shuman

State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
July 20, 2018

Managed Care for Physical and Behavioral Health – Skilled Nursing Facility Services
Effective date: October 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing managed care for physical and behavioral health in order to allow managed care organizations to utilize skilled nursing facilities for members who transition from acute care hospital services as a step-down continuum of care and to align the governing authorities with current operations and practices.

Federally Qualified Health Centers - Reimbursement Methodology -Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives
Effective date: January 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for federally qualified health centers in order to implement a payment methodology to allow reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraceptive devices outside of the perspective payment system rate.

Rural Health Centers - Reimbursement Methodology - Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives
Effective date: January 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for rural health centers in order to implement a payment methodology to allow reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraceptive devices outside of the perspective payment system rate.