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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 **September 19, 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)

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c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
August 20, 2018

Inpatient Hospital Services – Diagnostic Related Group Reimbursement

Methodology

Effective date: January 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt an all patient refined diagnostic related group (APR-DRG) reimbursement methodology and to revise the remaining provisions for inpatient hospital services to ensure that these provisions are appropriately promulgated in a codified format for inclusion in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Pharmacy Benefits Management Program – Managed Care Supplemental Rebates

Effective date: January 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing The Optimal PDL Solution (TOPS) State Supplemental Rebate Agreement Program in order to include pharmacy utilization of managed care organizations (MCOs) that participate in the Healthy Louisiana Program and implement a single state managed preferred drug list to maximize supplemental rebates on MCO utilization.