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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.

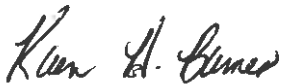
Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by December 21, 2017, to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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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,



JS Jen Steele
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Attachment (1)

JS/KB/MJ

c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
November 21, 2017

17-0026 Proton Beam Radiation Therapy Termination

Effective date: February 20, 2018 (or upon promulgation of the Rule)

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing laboratory and radiology services to terminate coverage and reimbursement for proton beam radiation therapy (PBRT) rendered to recipients 21 years of age and older.

17-0033 Behavioral Health Services - Substance Use Disorders Services

Effective date: February 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing substance use disorders (SUD) services rendered to children and adults in order to: 1) reflect the coordinated system of care contractor moving from a non-risk contract to a full-risk capitated contract; 2) remove the requirements for the Office of Behavioral Health certification of providers and for prior approval of SUD services; 3) clarify the exclusion criteria for institutes for mental disease; and 4) clarify the requirements for residential addiction treatment facilities.

17-0034 Children's Behavioral Health Services

Effective date: February 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing children's behavioral health services in order to: 1) reflect the coordinated system of care contractor moving from a non-risk contract to a full-risk capitated contract; 2) remove the requirements for the Office Behavioral Health certification of providers and for prior approval of services; and 3) clarify the exclusion criteria for services rendered by institutes for mental disease.

17-0035 Therapeutic Group Homes

Effective date: February 20, 2018

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing therapeutic group homes (TGH) in order to: 1) reflect the coordinated system of care (CSoC) contractor moving from a non-risk contract to a full-risk capitated contract; 2) remove the requirement for the Office of Behavioral Health certification of providers; and 3) reflect that TGHs are carved out of management by the CSoC contractor to align with current practice and contract requirements.