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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 **January 19, 2019**, 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,



for Jen Steele
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/KHB/MJ

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

Federally Qualified Health Centers – Alternative Payment Methodology

Effective date: April 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in order to implement an alternative payment methodology to allow FQHCs to be reimbursed a separate perspective payment system (PPS) rate for behavioral health and dental services, which is at the same rate as the existing all-inclusive encounter PPS rate when such services are rendered on the same day as a medical visit.

Rural Health Clinics – Alternative Payment Methodology

Effective date: April 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in order to implement an alternative payment methodology to allow RHCs to be reimbursed a separate perspective payment system (PPS) rate for behavioral health and dental services, which is at the same rate as the existing all-inclusive encounter PPS rate when such services are rendered on the same day as a medical visit.

School-Based Health Services

Effective date: March 20, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing school-based medical services covered in the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program and school-based behavioral health services in order to: 1) add services categorized as 504 plans, individual health plans or otherwise medically necessary in addition to those covered by an individual education plan, to the services available for school-based Medicaid claiming; 2) amend the reimbursement methodology to expand allowable billing providers for direct/therapy and nursing services; and 3) add applied behavioral analysis, personal care services and transportation to allowable Medicaid billing.