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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 **April 27, 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
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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,

Karen H Barnes

FOR
Jen Steele
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Attachment (1)

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c: Cheryl Rupley
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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
March 28, 2019

Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Methodology
Effective date: July 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt a reimbursement methodology for a nursing facility that is operated by an entity that has a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Louisiana State University (LSU) to conduct a geriatric nursing facility training program at the location of the current John J. Hainkel, Jr. Home and Rehabilitation Center, or any other location approved by the parties and the Department.