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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 **July 8, 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/SSJ

c: Tobias Griffin
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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
July 1, 2019

**Ground Ambulance Provider Fees and Enhanced Reimbursements for Qualifying
Ground Ambulance Service Providers**
Effective date: July 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the health care service provider fees for ground ambulance service providers to include non-emergency ground ambulance services, and to include non-emergency ground ambulance services in enhanced reimbursement for emergency ground ambulance transportation services.