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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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 CHIP 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 23, 2019**, to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health  
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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/MVJ

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**CHIP State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
July 16, 2019

**CHIP Disaster Eligibility and Enrollment**  
**Effective date: July 10, 2019**

The purpose of this SPA is to implement temporary adjustments to eligibility and enrollment policies for application and redetermination, cost sharing and prior authorization requirements for children in families living in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or governor-declared disaster areas at the time of the disaster event.