



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of the Secretary

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August 5, 2019

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health  
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
1301 Young Street, Room #833  
Dallas, Texas 75202

**RE: Louisiana Title XXI State Plan  
Transmittal No. 19-0022, CHIP Disaster Eligibility and Enrollment**

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Louisiana Department of Health is formally submitting the attached Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) Disaster Eligibility and Enrollment State Plan amendment (SPA) for review and approval.

The purpose of this SPA is to implement temporary adjustments to eligibility and enrollment policies for application and redetermination, enrollment fees, cost sharing and prior authorization requirements for children in families living in areas affected by a disaster in Louisiana. This amendment is effective July 10, 2019.

As a result of Hurricane Barry, Louisiana is invoking implementation of the waivers of its eligibility and enrollment policies for application and redetermination, enrollment fees, cost sharing and prior authorization requirements outlined in this SPA from July 10, 2019 through August 31, 2019. The following parishes were impacted by this disaster:

1. Jefferson
2. Lafourche
3. Plaquemines
4. St. Mary
5. Terrebonne

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Your approval of this State Plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Barnes at 225-342-3881 or via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov).

Warmly,

  
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Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH  
Secretary

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