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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 **October 20, 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,

*Karen A. Barnes*  
For Jen Steele  
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Attachment (1)

JS/KHB/MVJ

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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
September 20, 2019

**Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments – Major Medical Centers**

**Effective date: January 1, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to establish a qualification criteria and disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment methodology for major medical centers located in the southeastern area of Louisiana.

**Inpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals – Reimbursement Rate**

**Effective date: January 1, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services in order to adjust the reimbursement rates.

**Outpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals – Reimbursement Rate**

**Effective date: January 1, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services in order to adjust the reimbursement rates.