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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 **March 5, 2020**, 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 Erin Campbell
Acting Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

EC/KHB/MVJ

c: Billy B. Farrell
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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
February 4, 2020

Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments

Effective date: January 1, 2020

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the definition of a public, non-rural community hospital, to include Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, formerly owned by a parish, city or other local government or instrumentality, after January 1, 2019.

Medicaid Eligibility – Transfers of Assets

Effective date: April 20, 2020

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing transfers of assets in the Medical Assistance Program to allow for the imposition of a penalty period for individuals applying for, or receiving HCBS, who transfer assets for less than fair market value.