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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 in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Statewide Public Health Emergency, that may have an impact on your tribe.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **close of business today** to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Bureau of Health Services Financing  
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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 H. Barnes* for

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Attachment (1)

RJ/KHB/MVJ

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**State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**May 15, 2020**

**Pediatric Day Health Care Services**  
**Effective date: March 1, 2020**

To address the COVID-19 public health emergency, pediatric day health care (PDHC) skilled services may be provided in a residential setting during the public health emergency to those children whose families are not able to provide such care due to the public health emergency.