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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) 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 3, 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
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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) 421-6652.

Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,

Karen H. Barnes for
Ruth Johnson
Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment (1)

RJ/KHB/SSJ

c: Billy B. Farrell
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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
May 29, 2020

Inpatient Hospital Services Coverage of Donor Breast Milk
Effective date: August 20, 2020

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt provisions governing reimbursement outside of the inpatient hospital per diem for donor human breast milk provided to hospitalized premature newborns in order to ensure access to an effective treatment to reduce the incidence of severe complications.