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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

RE: Notification of Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program 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 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan amendment (SPA) 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 **June 19, 2020** to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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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) 421-6652.

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

Sincerely,

Karen H. Barnes for

Ruth Johnson
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Attachment (1)

RJ/KHB/MVJ

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
June 12, 2020

Children's Health Insurance Program
Effective date: October 24, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt provisions in Section 5022 of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) Act that amends section 2103(c)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act), to make behavioral health services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate and different from the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (P.L. 110-343) (MHPAEA) a required benefit in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).