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Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Brooks:

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 20-0012 Electronic Medicaid Application**

Please refer to the above-proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 20-0012 with an effective date of January 1, 2021. The SPA proposed to update the electronic Medicaid application to include question(s) around the proposed Section 1115 Waiver, Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option, a program through which children with disabilities can access Medicaid-funded services regardless of their parents' income. The program furnishes Medicaid benefits to children with disabilities whose assets cannot exceed \$2,000 and who are otherwise ineligible for such benefits because the income of their household exceeds state-established limits for Medicaid eligibility.

CMS reviewed the submittal packet and the State's response to the request for additional information, and determined that the State's changes to the previously approved online application does not impact how an individual's underlying Medicaid eligibility is evaluated. Therefore, LA SPA TN 20-0012 may be withdrawn. Based on this information, the Department no longer wishes to pursue the SPA and requests that it be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara A. LeBlanc".

Tara A. LeBlanc
Interim Medicaid Executive Director

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