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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 **September 24, 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,

Karen H. Barnes for
Ruth Johnson
Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment (1)

RJ/KHB/SSJ

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
August 25, 2020

Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Reimbursement Methodology
Effective date: ~~August 25, 2020~~ **August 26, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for non-state intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) to increase the reimbursement rates to facilities that downsized from over 100 beds to less than 35 beds prior to December 31, 2010, without the benefit of a cooperative endeavor agreement.