



**State of Louisiana**  
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Bureau of Health Services Financing

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendments**

In compliance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services

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Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of State Plan amendments (SPAs) that may have an impact on your tribe.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **COB April 8, 2021**, to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health  
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Medicaid Policy and Compliance  
P.O. Box 91030  
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Ms. 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)

TAL/KHB/MVJ

c: Billy B. Farrell  
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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**April 7, 2021**

**Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency**  
**Effective date: October 31, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to waive or modify certain requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, in order to terminate prior authorization for medications expanded by automatic renewal without clinical review, or time/quantity extensions.

**Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency**  
**Effective date: March 15, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to waive or modify certain requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, in order to increase the reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration to \$37.08 per dose.