



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of the Secretary

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October 15, 2021

Todd McMillion  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review  
Financial Management Group  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. McMillion:

**RE: LA SPA TN 21-0008  
Ground Ambulance Service Providers**

Please refer to our proposed Medicaid State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0008, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2021. This SPA proposes to amend the provisions governing enhanced reimbursements for qualifying emergency and non-emergency ground ambulance providers by adding East Jefferson Mobile Emergency Medical Services to the list of providers that qualify for enhanced reimbursement.

On October 1, 2021, CMS recommended that the State withdraw its response to the request for additional information (RAI) in order to allow the State more time to make required revisions to the standard funding responses; therefore, the State requests that the RAI response submitted on September 24, 2021, be withdrawn. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this SPA. The State intends to place the SPA back on the clock in the near future.

As always, we appreciate the assistance of CMS in resolving these issues. If additional information is required, you may contact Karen H. Barnes at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by phone at (225) 342-3881.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Gillies".

Patrick Gillies  
Medicaid Executive Director

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c: Karen Barnes  
Tobias Griffin  
Tamara Sampson