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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.

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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 **April 7, 2021** to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
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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,

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Attachment (1)

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
March 8, 2021

Personal Care Services – Long Term (LT-PCS Policy Clarifications)
Effective date: May 20, 2021

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the long-term personal care services to reflect current practices in order to:

- (1) clarify that instrumental activity of daily living can be provided outside of the participant's home if approved;
- (2) remove language in regards to what relatives can be the direct service workers (DSWs);
- (3) remove the language that service logs must document place of service;
- (4) clarify the statement regarding DSWs being paid at least the current federal or state minimum hourly rate; and
- (5) add a statement that the state has the authority to set and change LT-PCS rates and/or provide lump sum payments to LT-PCS providers based upon funds allocated by the legislature.