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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

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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 **May 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
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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Interim Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment (1)

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
May 6, 2021

Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency
Effective date: March 1, 2020

The purpose of this disaster relief 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 reimburse laboratory services at up to 100 percent of Medicare rates.