



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

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

September 16, 2021

James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations  
Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group  
601 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 0300  
Kansas City, Missouri 6106-2898

Dear Mr. Scott:

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan  
Transmittal No. 21-0015 Medicaid Twelve Months Continuous Eligibility**

Please refer to the above-proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0015 with an effective date of April 1, 2021. The SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing eligibility for the Medical Assistance Program to update the list of beneficiaries under the age 19 for whom twelve months of continuous eligibility is not available.

CMS reviewed the submittal packet and determined that Louisiana adopted continuous eligibility for children before CMS finalized the continuous eligibility regulation in 2017; therefore, the State is not required to submit a state plan amendment in order to apply the regulatory exceptions. Based on this information and CMS' recommendation, the Department no longer wishes to pursue the SPA and requests that it be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Patrick Gillies  
Medicaid Executive Director

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