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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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 CHIP 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 **June 27, 2021** to Ms. Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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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)

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**CHIP State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**May 28, 2021**

**CHIP Substitution Under Group Health Plans**  
**Effective date: April 1, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing substitution under group health plans, to revise waiting periods for CHIP beneficiaries from 12 months to a maximum of 90 days and to establish mandatory waiting period exemptions described at 42 CFR §457.805(b)(3).

**CHIP Twelve Months Continuous Eligibility**  
**Effective date: April 1, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing eligibility for the CHIP program to update the list of beneficiaries under age 19 for whom twelve months of continuous eligibility is not available.