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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid 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 Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of State Plan amendments (SPAs) that may have an impact on your tribe.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **September 3, 2021** to 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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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
August 4, 2021

**Federally Qualified Health Centers Alternative Payment Methodology**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in order to establish an alternative payment methodology that requires managed care organizations to pay each FQHC an encounter rate that is at least equal to the prospective payment system base rate specific to each FQHC.

**Rural Health Clinics Alternative Payment Methodology**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in order to establish an alternative payment methodology that requires managed care organizations to pay each RHC an encounter rate that is at least equal to the prospective payment system base rate specific to each RHC.

**Behavioral Health Services**  
**Effective date: January 1, 2022**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Children's Behavioral Health Services in order to revise provider and staff qualifications relative to Psychosocial Rehabilitation services.