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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 **August 1, 2021** to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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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
July 2, 2021

Reimbursement for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Laboratory Testing
Effective date: September 20, 2021

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services and ambulatory surgical centers in order to provide for reimbursement of laboratory testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) separately from inpatient hospital per diem payments and ambulatory surgical center flat fee reimbursement amounts.