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Bureau of Health Services Financing

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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 **December 30, 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  
Patrick Gillies  
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Attachment (1)

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**State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**November 30, 2021**

**Medical Transportation – Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021**  
**Effective date: December 27, 2021**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing medical transportation in order to assure necessary transportation to and from covered services, helping to ensure access to care for beneficiaries who have no other means of transportation.

**Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing –Personal Care Services**  
**Effective date: January 1, 2022**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend provisions governing Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment to align with current practices.

**Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Methodology Cost Report**  
**Effective date: February 20, 2022**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for nursing facilities in order to establish guidelines for submitting amended cost reports and to ensure that costs in the rate and floor component are classified appropriately.