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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 **March 28, 2022** to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Bureau of Health Services Financing  
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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)

PG/KHB/SSJ

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**State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**March 25, 2022**

**LA Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA**  
**Effective date: January 1, 2022**

The purpose of this SPA is to waive or modify certain requirements of Title XIX of the Social Security Act to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, in order to increase the daily per diem rate paid to privately owned or operated nursing facilities and include a direct care add-on to reimburse ICF-IID for increased cost related to retaining and hiring direct care staff.