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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 **July 16, 2022** to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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)

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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
June 16, 2022

American Rescue Plan Act
Effective date: March 11, 2021

The purpose of this SPA is to demonstrate compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act provisions that require states to cover COVID-19 testing consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definitions of diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19.

Emergency Telemedicine/Telehealth
Effective date: July 20, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt provisions allowing coverage of telemedicine/telehealth services provided through an interactive audio system, without the requirement of video, in the event of a declared emergency.