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James G. Scott, Director
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Dear Mr. Scott:

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 22-0025 Hospice Emergency Services Inpatient Care**

Please refer to the above-proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0025 with an effective date of one day after the public health emergency (PHE) ends. The SPA proposed to amend the provisions governing hospice services to waive the requirement for daily visits by the hospice provider to all clients under the age of 21 and to allow telemedicine visits as an alternative in the event of a federal or state declared disaster or PHE.

CMS reviewed the submittal packet and determined that the proposed change(s) relates to temporary coverage changes that would apply to disasters and emergencies only, rather than permanent coverage in the Medicaid State Plan. In the event of a disaster or public health emergency, the State shall submit disaster relief SPAs to implement such flexibilities.

Based on this information and CMS' recommendation, the Department no longer wishes to pursue the SPA and requests that it be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

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