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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 **May 11, 2023** to Karen Barnes via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Medicaid Policy and Compliance
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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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Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment

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c: Nancy Grano
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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
April 11, 2023

Personal Care Services – Long Term (LT-PCS)
Effective date: May 12, 2023

The purpose of this SPA is to extend the COVID-19 disaster relief provisions governing long-term personal care services as follows:

1. Allow exceptions to the requirements that services must be provided in accordance with the approved plan of care and supporting documentation, to authorize hours up to 32 hours per week, if needed;
2. Allow the beneficiary's curator, tutor, responsible representative, or the person to whom the beneficiary has given representative and mandate authority (Power of Attorney), to serve as the direct service worker for the beneficiary, unless they are legally responsible relatives;
3. Allow LT-PCS to be provided in another state without prior approval of the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) or its designee;
4. Allow a beneficiary to receive LT-PCS while living in a home or property owned, operated or controlled by a provider of services who is not related by blood or marriage to the beneficiary; and
5. Allow exceptions to the prior authorization requirements.
6. Allow exceptions to the age, education and experience for the personal care services worker qualifications.