



**State of Louisiana**  
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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 **July 7, 2023** 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

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c: Nancy Grano  
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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
June 30, 2023

**Outpatient Hospital Services – Public Non-State Small Rural Hospitals**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions governing outpatient hospital services in order to establish quarterly supplemental payments for certain public non-state small rural hospitals located in administrative region 3 that render qualifying services during the quarter.

**Rural Health Clinics – Reimbursement Methodology**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to revise the provisions governing rural health clinics (RHCs) in order to remove the cutoff date to allow existing RHCs licensed as small rural hospital outpatient departments after July 1, 2007 and new RHCs to be reimbursed at 110 percent of cost.