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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 **September 21, 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
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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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Interim Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
August 22, 2023

Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments
Effective date: December 1, 2023

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to increase reimbursement for DSH eligible services provided by hospitals through a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), in order to align the rate for OBH approved DSH days with the Medicaid inpatient psychiatric per diem rate on file for free-standing psychiatric hospitals.