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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.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **October 6, 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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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 Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
September 29, 2023

**Nursing Facilities – Optional State Assessment**  
**Effective date: October 1, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the standards for payment and reimbursement for nursing facilities in order to implement the patient driven payment model for case-mix classification and mandate use of the optional state assessment item set.