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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana 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 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 **June 13, 2025**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at [Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Ms. Jenkins will be happy 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,

*Marjorie V. Jenkins* for  
Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.  
Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment

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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
June 6, 2025

**Personal Care Services – Long Term**  
**Effective date: April 1, 2025**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing personal care services (PCS), in order make the reimbursement rate currently paid to PCS direct service workers under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver CMS-approved Spending Plan, part of the permanent State Plan.

The reimbursement rate for PCS shall be increased by \$4.50 per hour. The minimum hourly rate paid to PCS direct service workers (DSW) shall be at least \$9 per hour, regardless of full-time or part-time status. All PCS providers affected by the \$4.50 per hour rate increase shall pass 70 percent of their rate increases directly to the DSW in various forms, including a minimum wage floor of \$9 per hour and wage and non-wage benefits for all affected DSWs, regardless of full-time or part-time status.