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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 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 **September 19, 2025**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, you may contact Marjorie at the email address above or by telephone at (225) 342-3881.

Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
August 20, 2025

Personal Care Needs Allowance and Optional State Supplement
Effective date: July 1, 2025

The purpose of the SPA is to amend provisions governing personal care needs allowance (PCNA) and Optional State Supplement (OSS) by increasing the monthly limit amount for personal care needs to better support long-term care (LTC) members with personal expenses not covered by facility fees.

In accordance with Act 259 of the Louisiana 2025 Regular Legislative Session, the personal care needs allowance shall be increased for individuals and married couples living in healthcare facilities. These changes aim to enhance the financial support available to LTC members for essential personal needs.

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation – Transportation Network Companies
Effective date: November 20, 2025

The purpose of the SPA is to amend provisions governing non-emergency medical transportation to allow transportation network companies (TNC) to provide non-emergency medical transportation through the Medicaid Program.

This change will incorporate an additional category of transportation services available to Medicaid beneficiaries covered under managed care, fee-for-service, and existing program requirements. Additionally, this change will benefit beneficiaries by allowing providers to complete trips that traditional providers are unable to fulfill.

Family Opportunity Act Program
Effective date: November 20, 2025

The purpose of the SPA is to amend provisions governing eligibility for the Family Opportunity Act Medicaid Program to establish continuous eligibility requirements and to prevent termination of Medicaid or CHIP eligibility due to non-payment of premiums for children under the age of 19 during a continuous eligibility period. This action is being taken to comply with the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.