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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

RE: Notification of Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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 **June 24, 2025**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov or by postal mail to:

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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,

Marjorie V. Jenkins for
Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.
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Attachment

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CHIP State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
June 17, 2025

CHIP Section 5121 Services to Incarcerated Youth
Effective date: January 1, 2025

The purpose of this SPA is to implement required coverage for incarcerated youth in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as described in section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023). Within the 30 days prior to release (or within one week of release, or as soon as practicable after release), the State will provide eligible children with any screenings, diagnostic services, or case management services that would otherwise be available to children under the CHIP State Plan (or waiver of such plan).

CHIP Substitution of Coverage
Effective date: June 3, 2025

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in order to remove the waiting period for those beneficiaries who had private insurance within the 90 days prior to application. This change is in accordance with CMS Final Rule [89 FR 22780](#).