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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 **February 19, 2026**, 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
January 20, 2026

Children and Adult Mental Health Services
Effective date: April 20, 2026

In accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 10 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will coordinate with the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (LSBEP) to implement a plan to provide Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by provisionally licensed psychologists, psychology doctoral interns and post-doctoral fellows enrolled in an approved American Psychological Association (APA) internship program.

The purpose of the SPA is to amend the provisions governing children and adult mental health services to expand the provider types authorized to deliver therapeutic services. Expanding provider types will increase the number of providers available and make therapeutic services easier for beneficiaries to obtain.

ICF/IID Lump Sum Payments
Effective date: April 20, 2026

A previously approved one-time lump-sum payout to all privately owned or operated intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) that:

1. were active and Medicaid-certified as of July 1, 2024,
2. had billed Medicaid days between August 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024, and
3. were open and operational as an ICF/IID at the time the lump sum payment was made, is now being amended.

In order to broaden eligibility, the requirement that facilities be open and operational at the time payment is made, is being removed. Facilities that were active and Medicaid-certified as of July 1, 2024 will remain eligible even if they subsequently close, consolidate, or transition before the payment date.

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for ICF/IIDs to remove the one-time lump-sum payment date and the requirement that facilities be open and operational after July 1, 2024, to receive payment.