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June 2, 2023

Mrs. Tara LeBlanc
Medicaid Executive Director
State of Louisiana
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628 N 4th Street
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Re: Louisiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) TN 23-0019

Dear Mrs. LeBlanc:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0019. This amendment proposes to temporarily extend certain COVID-19 disaster relief provisions governing long-term personal care services in order to allow exceptions for the age, education and experience for the personal care services worker qualifications originally approved in Disaster Relief SPA TN 20-0004.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Louisiana Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 23-0019 is approved effective May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Tobias Griffin at 214-767-4425 or via email at Tobias.Griffin@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Enclosures

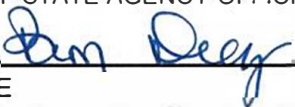
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 23-0019	2. STATE LA
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>XIX</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE May 12, 2023	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Title XIX of the Social Security Act Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2023</u> \$ 0 b. FFY <u>2024</u> \$ 0	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Section 7 – General Provisions 7.4.B Page 1 Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
The purpose of this SPA is to extend the COVID-19 disaster relief provisions governing long-term personal care services in order to allow exceptions for the age, education and experience for the personal care services worker qualifications.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO Tara A. LeBlanc, Medicaid Executive Director Louisiana Department of Health 628 North 4th Street P.O. Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030
12. TYPED NAME Pam Diez, designee for Stephen R. Russo, JD	
13. TITLE Executive Counsel Director of Legal Audit and Regulatory Compliance	
14. DATE SUBMITTED April 27, 2023	

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16. DATE RECEIVED April 27, 2023	17. DATE APPROVED June 2, 2023
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL May 12, 2023	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Alissa Mooney DeBoy	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

22. REMARKS

7.4. B Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective May 12, 2023 until November 11, 2023, the agency temporarily extends the following elections(s) of Section 7.4 approved on April 20, 2020 in disaster relief SPA LA TN 20-0004 of the State Plan:

Benefits

X The agency makes the following adjustments to benefits currently covered in the State plan:

The State respectfully requests to extend the following disaster provision:

Allow exceptions for the age, education and experience for the personal care services worker qualifications.

The agency assures that newly added benefits or adjustments to benefits, comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including the state-wideness requirements and free choice of provider requirements.

The State assures adherence to all Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP) provisions in 42 CFR Part 440, Subpart C. Newly added and/or adjusted benefits will be made available to individuals receiving services under the ABP.