March 10, 2011

Mr. Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan Amendments and Waiver Applications
Louisiana Behavioral Health Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The State of Louisiana is undertaking the development of a behavioral health Coordinated System of Care (CSoC). In an effort to enhance service quality, facilitate access to care, and effectively manage costs, Louisiana proposes to restructure the current service delivery mechanisms by developing and implementing a comprehensive system for behavioral health services that will be a coordinated system of care. The comprehensive system of behavioral health services is designed to provide an array of Medicaid State Plan and home and community-based waiver services to:

- all eligible children and youth in need of mental health and substance abuse care;
- adults with serious and persistent mental illness or co-occurring disorders of mental illness and substance use; and
- at-risk children and youth with significant behavioral health challenges or co-occurring disorders in or at imminent risk of out-of-home placement.

This comprehensive service delivery model is being developed in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice.

We are requesting that the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments and Medicaid Waiver Applications with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2012 be considered by CMS as a package in order to implement the coordinated system of care.

1. LA SPA TN 11-09 CSoC State Plan Compliance
2. LA SPA TN 11-10 CSoC EPSDT Other Licensed Practitioner and Rehabilitation including Substance Abuse Rehabilitation changes for adults and children
3. LA SPA TN 11-11 CSoC School Based Services
4. LA SPA TN 11-12 CSoC Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
5. LA SPA TN 11-12 CSoC 1915(i) Adult Behavioral Health Services
6. LA 29.00.00 1915c waiver which will provide mental health services to severely emotionally disturbed children who meet a hospital or nursing facilities level of care. These services will also include independent living and skills building, short term respite, peer support, psycho-education, and crisis stabilization.
7. LA 28.00.00 1915b waiver which will provide for the following: Statewide Management Organization to implement the state plan amendments and waivers; substance abuse treatment for adults; physician consultations with treating mental health professionals; services as identified in the 1915c waiver for children who do not meet the criteria for that waiver, but would be institutionalized if unable to receive these services.

We appreciate the assistance of the CMS regional and central staff as we begin this process.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

Attachments
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Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 11-09

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material. This amendment is part of the package to implement a behavioral health Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

Attachments
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

**TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

**HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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| 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID) |
| 4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: |
| January 1, 2012 |

**5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):**

- [ ] NEW STATE PLAN
- [ ] AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
- [X] AMENDMENT

**COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)**

**6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:**

42 CFR 438 Subpart A, 440 Subpart B, 441 Subpart B, 1902, 1905, and 1932 of the Social Security Act

**7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:**

- a. FFY 2012: $0.00
- b. FFY 2013: $0.00

**8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:**

- Preprint Page 11
- Preprint Page 22
- Preprint Page 41
- Preprint Pages 45(a), 45(b)
- Preprint Page 46
- Preprint Page 50a
- Preprint Page 55
- Attachment 2.2-A, Page 10a
- Attachment 4.30, Page 2

**9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):**

- Same (TN 08-10)
- Same (TN 97-16)
- Same (TN 95-15)
- Same (TN 91-28)
- Same (TN 88-22)
- Same (TN 87-24)
- Same (TN 95-26)
- Same (TN 03-33)
- None (New Page)

**10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:** This amendment is part of the CSOC behavioral health service package. This amendment includes the miscellaneous state plan compliance pages.

**11. 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

- [X] OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

The Governor does not review state plan material.

**12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:**

[Signature]

**13. TYPED NAME:**

Bruce D. Greenstein Secretary

**14. TITLE:**

Secretary

**15. DATE SUBMITTED:**

March 10, 2011

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**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

**16. RETURN TO:**

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628 N. 4th Street
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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**17. DATE RECEIVED:**

**18. DATE APPROVED:**

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**19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:**

**20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:**

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**21. TYPED NAME:**

**22. TITLE:**

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**23. REMARKS:**

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Revision: HCFA-PM-93-2
MARCH 1993 (MB)

State/Territory: Louisiana

Citation
42 CFR 2.1(b) (1) Except as provided in items 2.1(b)(2) and (3) below, individuals are entitled to Medicaid services under the plan during the three months preceding the month of application, if they were, or on application would have been, eligible. The effective date of prospective and retroactive eligibility is specified in Attachment 2.6-A.

1902(e)(8) and 1905(a) of the Act (2) For individuals who are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing expenses as qualified Medicare beneficiaries under section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) of the Act, coverage is available for services furnished after The end of the month which the individual is first determined to be a qualified Medicare beneficiary. Attachment 2.6-A specifies the requirements for determination of eligibility for this group.

1902(a)(47) and 1920 of the Act (3) Pregnant women are entitled to ambulatory prenatal care under the plan during a presumptive eligibility period in accordance with section 1920 of the Act. Attachment 2.6-A specifies the requirements for determination of eligibility for this group.

42 CFR 438.6 (c) The Medicaid agency elects to enter into a risk contract --- that complies with 42 CFR 438.6, and that is procured through an open, competitive procurement process that is consistent with 45 CFR Part 92. The risk contract is with (check all that apply):

- Qualified under title XIII 1310 of the Public Health Service Act.
- X a Managed Care Organization that meets the definition of 1903(m) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.2
- X a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan that meets the definition of 42 CFR 438.2
- a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan that meets the definition of 42 CFR 438.2
- Not applicable.

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State: ___Louisiana___________________________________

Citation 3.1(a)(9) Amount, Duration, and Scope of Services: EPSDT Services (continued)

42 CFR 441.60 X The Medicaid agency has in effect agreements with continuing care providers. Described below are the methods employed to assure the providers’ compliance with their agreements.**

42 CFR 440.240 (a)(10) Comparability of Services

and 440.250 Except for those items or services for which sections 1902(a), 1902(a)(10), 1903(v), 1915, 1925, and 1932 of the Act, 42 CFR 440.250, and section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, permit exceptions:

(i) Services made available to the categorically needy are equal in amount, duration, and scope for each categorically needy person.

(ii) The amount, duration, and scope of services made available to the categorically needy are equal to or greater than those made available to the medically needy.

(iii) Services made available to the medically needy are equal in amount, duration, and scope for each person in a medically needy coverage group.

(iv) Additional coverage for pregnancy-related service and services for conditions that may complicate the pregnancy are equal for categorically and medically needy.

** Describe here.

CommunityCARE, Louisiana Behavioral Health Services Waiver with a risk payment for adults and non-risk payment for children’s services in a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PIHP)

X The continuing care provider submits monthly encounter data reflecting the number of examinations completed, the number of examinations where a referable condition was identified, and the number of follow-up treatment encounters. Medicaid staff make periodic on-site reviews to monitor the provider’s record of case management.

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B. Optional Groups Other Than Medically Needy (continued)

1932(a)(4) of Act

The Medicaid Agency may elect to restrict the disenrollment of Medicaid enrollees of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs in accordance with the regulations at 42 CFR 438.56. This requirement applies unless a recipient can demonstrate good cause for disenrolling or if he/she moves out of the entity’s service area or becomes ineligible.

_ X_ Disenrollment rights are restricted for a period of _12_ months (not to exceed 12 months).

During the first three months of each enrollment period the recipient may disenroll without cause. The State will provide notification, at least once per year, to recipients enrolled with such organization of their right to and restrictions of terminating such enrollment.

___ No restrictions upon disenrollment rights.

1903(m)(2)(H), 1902(a)(52) of P.L. 101-508 42 CFR 438.56(g)

In the case of individuals who have become ineligible for Medicaid for the brief period described in section 1903(m)(2)(H) and who were enrolled with an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM when they became ineligible, the Medicaid agency may elect to reenroll those individuals in the same entity if that entity still has a contract.

_ X_ The agency elects to reenroll the above individuals who are eligible in a month but in the succeeding two months become eligible, into the same entity in which they were enrolled at the time eligibility was lost.

___ The agency elects not to reenroll above individuals into the same entity in which they were previously enrolled.

* Agency that determines eligibility for coverage.

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Supersedes TN # 03-33 Approval Date _____________
Citation 4.10 Free Choice of Providers
42 CFR 431.51 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the Medicaid agency
AT 78-90 assures that an individual eligible under the plan may obtain
46 FR 48524 Medicaid services from any institution, agency, pharmacy
48 FR 23212 person, or organization that is qualified to perform the services,
1902(a)(23) including of the Act an organization that provides these services or
of the Act arranges for their availability on a prepayment basis.
P.L. 100-93 (section 8(f))
(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to services furnished to an
(P.L. 100-203) individual –
(Section 4113)
1. Under an exception allowed under 42 CFR 431.54, subject to
P.L. 100-203 the limitations in paragraph (c), or
1902(a)(23)
(4) By individuals or entities who have been convicted of a felony
of the Social under Federal or State law and for which the State determines that
Security Act the offense is inconsistent with the best interests of the individual
P.L. 105-33 eligible to obtain Medicaid services, or
Section 1902(a)(23)
(5) Under an exception allowed under 42 CFR 438.50 or
of the Social
P.L. 105-33 42 CFR 440.168, subject to the limitations in paragraph (c).
Section 1932(a)(1)
(c) Enrollment of an individual eligible for medical assistance in a primary care
Section 1905(t) case management system described in section 1905(t), 1915(a), 1915(b)(1),
or 1932(a); or managed care organization, prepaid inpatient health plan, a
prepaid ambulatory health plan, or a similar entity shall not restrict the
choice of the qualified person from whom the individual may receive
emergency services or services under section 1905 (a)(4)(c).
45(a)  
(MB)  
OMB No.:

State/Territory:  Louisiana

Citation
1902 (a)(58)
1902(w)  4.13 (e)  For each provider receiving funds under the plan, all the requirements for advance directives of section 1902(w) are met:

(1) Hospitals, nursing facilities, providers of home health care or personal care services, hospice programs, managed care organizations, prepaid inpatient health plans, prepaid ambulatory health plans (unless the PAHP excludes providers in 42 CFR 489.102), and health insuring organizations are required to do the following:

(a) Maintain written policies and procedures with respect to all adult individuals receiving medical care by or through the provider or organization about their rights under State law to make decisions concerning medical care, including the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to formulate advance directives.

(b) Provide written information to all adult individuals on their policies concerning implementation of such rights;

(c) Document in the individual’s medical records whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive;

(d) Not condition the provision of care or otherwise discriminate against an individual based on whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive;

(e) Ensure compliance with requirements of State Law (whether

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(f) Provide (individually or with others) for education for staff and the community on issues concerning advance directives.

(2) Providers will furnish the written information described in paragraph (1)(a) to all adult individuals at the time specified below:

(a) Hospitals at the time an individual is admitted as an inpatient.

(b) Nursing facilities when the individual is admitted as a resident.

(c) Providers of home health care or personal care services before the individual comes under the care of the provider;

(d) Hospice program at the time of initial receipt of hospice care by the individual from the program; and

(e) Managed care organizations, health insuring organizations, prepaid inpatient health plans, and prepaid ambulatory health plans (as applicable) at the time of enrollment of the individual with the organization.

(3) Attachment 4.34A describes law of the State (whether statutory or as recognized by the courts of the State) concerning advance directives.

Not applicable. No State law or court decision exist regarding advance directives.

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4.14 Utilization/Quality Control

A Statewide program of surveillance and utilization control has been implemented that safeguards against unnecessary or inappropriate use of Medicaid services available under this plan and against excess payments, and that assesses the quality of services. The requirements of 42 CFR Part 456 are met:

XX Directly

By undertaking medical and utilization review requirements through a contract with a Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) designated under 42 CFR Part 462. The contract with the PRO —

1. Meets the requirements of §434.6(a):
2. Includes a monitoring and evaluation plan to ensure satisfactory performance;
3. Identifies the services and providers subject to PRO review;
4. Ensures that PRO review activities are not inconsistent with the PRO review of Medicare services; and
5. Includes a description of the extent to which PRO determinations are considered conclusive for payment purposes.

A qualified External Quality Review Organization performs an annual External Quality Review that meets the requirements of 42 CFR 438 Subpart E each managed care organization, prepaid inpatient health plan, and health insuring organizations under contract, except where exempted by the regulation.

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42 CFR 438.356(e) (f) For each contract, the State must follow an open, competitive procurement process that is in accordance with State law and regulations and consistent with 45 CFR part 74 as it applies to State procurement of Medicaid services.

42 CFR 438.354
42 CFR 438.356(b) and (d) The State must ensure that an External Quality Review Organization and its subcontractors performing the External Quality Review or External Quality Review-related activities meets the competence and independence requirements.

___ Not applicable.
4.18(b)(2) (Continued)

42 CFR 447.51 through 447.58

(iii) All services furnished to pregnant women.

[ ] Not applicable. Charges apply for services to pregnant women unrelated to the pregnancy.

(iv) Services furnished to any individual who is an inpatient in a hospital, long-term care facility, or other medical institution, if the individual is required, as a condition of receiving services in the institution to spend for medical care costs all but a minimal amount of his or her income required for personal needs.

(v) Emergency services if the services meet the requirements in 42 CFR 447.53(b)(4).

(vi) Family planning services and supplies furnished to individuals of childbearing age.

(vii) Services furnished by a managed care organization, health insuring organization, prepaid inpatient health plan, or prepaid ambulatory health plan in which the individual is enrolled, unless they meet the requirements of 42 CFR 447.60.

[ ] Managed care enrollees are charged deductibles, coinsurance rates, and copayments in an amount equal to the State Plan service cost-sharing.

[ X ] Managed care enrollees are not charged deductibles, coinsurance rates, and copayments.

1916 of the Act, P.L. 99-272, (Section 9505)

(viii) Services furnished to an individual receiving hospice care, as defined in section 1905(o) of the Act.
Sanctions for MCOs and PCCMs

(a) The State will monitor for violations that involve the actions and failure to act specified in 42 CFR Part 438 Subpart I and to implement the provisions in 42 CFR 438 Subpart I, in manner specified below:

(b) The State uses the definition below of the threshold that would be met before an MCO is considered to have repeatedly committed violations of section 1903(m) and thus subject to imposition of temporary management:

(c) The State’s contracts with MCOs provide that payments provided for under the contract will be denied for new enrollees when, and for so long as, payment for those enrollees is denied by CMS under 42 CFR 438.730(e).

Not applicable; the State does not contract with MCOs, or the State does not choose to impose intermediate sanctions on PCCMs.

State: Louisiana

Citation

1932(e)
42 CFR 438.726

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