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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 **August 18, 2024**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
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P.O. Box 91030
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Ms. Jenkins will be happy to assist you. You may contact her via email at the email address above or via telephone at (225) 342-5924.

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

Sincerely,

Karen H. Barnes for
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Attachment

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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
July 19, 2024

Medical Transportation Program – Elevated Level of Care
Effective date: October 20, 2024

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the medical transportation program to establish guidelines for the administration and distribution of Elevated Level of Care (ELOC) services by non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) vendors that meet the criteria to provide an ELOC service to Medicaid beneficiaries, and to clarify language regarding non-emergency medical ambulance transportation (NEAT) services.

Pharmacy Benefits Management Program – Drug Shortages
Effective date: October 20, 2024

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the Pharmacy Benefits Management program in order to align the language relative to shortages of drugs not on the covered drug list, including drugs authorized for import by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that may be covered when deemed medically necessary during drug shortages identified by the FDA, with CMS requirements.