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Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1301 Young Street, Room #833 Dallas, Texas 75202

Danas, Texas /DE02

Dear Mr. Brooks:

RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan

Transmittal No. 11-38, Nursing Facilities-LINCCA

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-38 with an effective date of November 1, 2011. This SPA proposed to amend the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to provide for a supplemental Medicaid payment to nursing facilities that enter into an agreement with a state or local governmental entity to provide health care services to low income and needy patients.

The State has decided not to pursue this State Plan Amendment and requests that TN 11-38 be withdrawn from consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Ruth Kennedy

Medicaid Director

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