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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

### **RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendment**

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 a State Plan amendment (SPA) that may have an impact on your tribe.

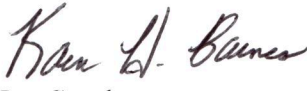
Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **December 20, 2018**, to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Bureau of Health Services Financing  
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Mrs. Barnes will be glad to assist you. You may contact her via email at the email address above or via telephone at (225) 342-3881.

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

Sincerely,

  
for Jen Steele  
Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/KB/MJ

c: Cheryl Rupley  
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**State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
**Request for Tribal Comments**  
**November 20, 2018**

**Behavioral Health Services - Substance Use Disorders Services**  
**Effective date: March 20, 2019**

The purpose of this SPA is to permit managed care organizations (MCOs) to provide opioid use disorder/substance use disorder services to Medicaid recipients in an institution for mental disease (IMD), without regard to the monthly MCO length of stay limit for these residential treatment services in an IMD setting.