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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 **September 18, 2019**, to Karen Barnes, via email, at Karen.Barnes@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
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 at the email address above or via telephone at (225) 342-3881.

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

Sincerely,



JS Jen Steele
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Attachment (1)

JS/KHB/MVJ

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
September 11, 2019

Pharmacy Benefits Management Program – Drug Utilization Review Program
Effective date: October 1, 2019

The purpose of this SPA is to implement Medicaid drug utilization review (DUR) provisions that are designed to reduce opioid-related fraud, misuse and abuse, including:

1. Opioid prescription claim reviews at the point of sale (POS) and retrospective reviews;
2. Monitoring and management of antipsychotic medication in children; and
3. Identification of processes to detect fraud and abuse.