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Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

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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.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **December 26, 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 Medicaid Policy and Compliance P.O. Box 91030 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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,

Karen H. Barnes, for

Jen Steele Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

JS/KHB/MVJ

c: Billy B. Farrell Tobias Griffin Stacey Shuman

State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments November 26, 2019

<u>Pregnant Women Extended Services Substance Use Screening and Intervention Services - Tobacco Cessation</u>

Effective date: February 20, 2020

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing extended services for pregnant women in order to implement tobacco cessation services mandated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and remove outdated references to the Louisiana Health Assessment Referral and Treatment (LaHART) program.