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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 30, 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 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,



fol Erin Campbell
Acting Medicaid Director

Attachment (1)

EC/KHB/MVJ

c: Billy B. Farrell
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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
December 23, 2019

Managed Care Organizations – Public Process

Effective date: January 1, 2020

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing public process for managed care organizations (MCOs) in order to remove language that refers to the utilization of rulemaking to satisfy public comment requirements and to add language that requires a 30-day public comment period for MCO contract amendments and a 45-day public comment period for policy or procedure changes unless the Louisiana Department of Health finds that imminent peril to the public's health, safety, or welfare requires immediate approval.