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) in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Statewide Public Health Emergency 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 **November 24, 2020** to Karen Barnes via email at <u>Karen.Barnes@la.gov</u> 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 reach her by email or telephone at (225) 342-3881. Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,

Karen H. Barnes for

Tara A. LeBlanc Interim Medicaid Executive Director

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State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments November 23, 2020

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Long-Term Personal Care Services Effective date: March 1, 2020

To address the COVID-19 public health emergency, the State respectfully requests to provide a one-time lump sum payment to privately owned and operated intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) (excluding state facilities and non-state governmental owned facilities) and a one-time lump sum payment to Longterm Personal Care Services providers.