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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana Medicaid State Plan Amendments**

In compliance with the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services

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Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of State Plan amendments (SPAs) that may have an impact on your tribe.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **December 23, 2020** to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health  
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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,

*Karen H. Barnes* for

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Attachment (1)

TAL/KHB/UN

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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
December 23, 2020

**Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID) Leave of Absence Days**  
**Effective date: March 11, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing leave of absence days during a federal public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency**  
**Effective date: November 2, 2020**

The purpose of this SPA is to waive or modify certain requirements of Title XIX of the Act to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, in order to reimburse administration of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments at 100 percent of Louisiana Region 99 Medicare rates.