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RE: Notification of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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

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Financing is taking the opportunity to notify you of a CHIP State Plan amendment (SPA) that may have an impact on your tribe.

Attached for your review and comment is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **February 26**, 2021 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, Ms. 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

Patrick Gillies
Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment (1)

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c: Billy B. Farrell Tobias Griffin Nancy Grano Sandra Phelps

CHIP State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS

Request for Tribal Comments January 27, 2022

CHIP – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Coverage Effective date: March 11, 2021

The purpose of this SPA is to demonstrate compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act provisions that require states to cover treatment (including treatment of a condition that may seriously complicate COVID-19 treatment), testing, and vaccinations for COVID-19 without cost sharing in CHIP.