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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.

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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 **January 19, 2022**, 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, 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

State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS Request for Tribal Comments December 20, 2021

Medicaid Eligibility - Twelve Months Postpartum Coverage Effective date: April 1, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Medicaid eligibility to extend postpartum eligibility from 60 days to 12 months during the five year period beginning April 1, 2022, in accordance with Section 9812 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.