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

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **July 6, 2022** 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, 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
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Attachment (1)

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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
June 6, 2022

Personal Care Services – Direct Service Workers Qualifications

Effective date: July 1, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing personal care services worker qualifications in order to remove minimum education and experience qualifications language.

Home Health Durable Medical Equipment-Enteral Formula Reimbursement

Effective date: October 1, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for durable medical equipment in the Home Health Program in order to revise the methodology used to set the rates for enteral formulas and allow reimbursement under the standard procedure codes.

Home Health Emergency Provisions

Effective date: September 20, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to implement provisions in the Home Health Program to temporarily allow non-physician practitioners to order and review home health services in the event of a federal or state declared emergency or disaster.

Hospice Emergency Services and Inpatient Care

Effective date: One Day after the PHE Ends

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing hospice services to temporarily waive the provision requiring daily visits by the hospice provider to all clients under the age of 21 and allow telemedicine visits as an alternative in the event of a federal or state declared disaster or public health emergency.

Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Complex Care Reimbursements

Effective date: September 20, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement to private non-state intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) in order to revise and streamline the process by which ICFs/IID can request add-on rates for medically qualified beneficiaries receiving above routine care and whose staffing levels exceed the required minimum.