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Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

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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 **August 9, 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

Tara A. LeBlanc Medicaid Executive Director

Attachment (1)

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# State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS Request for Tribal Comments August 2, 2022

## Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Early Steps Reimbursement Methodology Effective Date: August 3, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing EPSDT EarlySteps services in order to increase reimbursement for certain services.

#### Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Dedicated Program Funding Pool Payments Effective Date: August 3, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) in order to allow a one-time lump sum payment from the dedicated funding pool.

## **Targeted Case Management – EarlySteps Reimbursement Methodology** Effective date: August 3, 2022

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing targeted case management services in order to increase reimbursement and utilize a flat rate reimbursement methodology for services in the EarlySteps program.

## LA Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA Effective date: October 1, 2021

The purpose of this SPA is to establish a wage floor and workforce retention bonus payments for direct service workers in accordance with the State's approved Home and Community Based Services spending plan authorized under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.