



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

January 19, 2024

James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations  
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group  
601 East 12th Street, Room 0300  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898

**RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan  
LA SPA TN 23-0003 LA Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA Home Health**

Dear Mr. Scott:

Please refer to the above-proposed Disaster Relief State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0003 with an effective date of January 10, 2023. The SPA proposed to adopt provisions in the Home Health program in order to establish recruitment and retention payments for nurses that provide extended home health (EHH) services to beneficiaries under the age of 21, in accordance with Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act.

During discussions with CMS, it was determined that services provided under this proposed SPA are also provided under managed care contract; therefore, the State is going the directed payment route for those services provided under contract.

The State no longer wishes to pursue the Disaster Relief SPA and requests that it be withdrawn from consideration. A regular SPA will be submitted for services provided under fee-for-service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly Sullivan".

Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.  
Interim Medicaid Executive Director

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