



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

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October 10, 2023

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 23-0020 Medical Transportation Program**

Dear Mr. Scott:

Please refer to the above-proposed State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 23-0020 with an effective date of July 1, 2023. The SPA proposes to amend the provisions governing transportation services by aligning the reimbursement rates for emergency ambulance services with current practice by linking the rates to the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedule.

On October 5, 2023, CMS recommended that the State withdraw its response to the request for additional information (RAI) in order to allow the State more time to make required revisions to the upper payment limit (UPL) demonstration, responses to standard funding questions, and language on the plan page(s); therefore, the State requests that the RAI response submitted on September 21, 2023, be withdrawn. We understand that this action will stop the clock on this SPA. The State intends to place the SPA back on the clock in the near future.

As always, we appreciate the assistance of CMS in resolving these issues. If additional information is required, you may contact Karen H. Barnes at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by phone at (225) 342-3881.

Sincerely,

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