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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 a 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 **May 10, 2023** to Karen Barnes via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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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

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c: Nancy Grano  
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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
May 3, 2023

**Disaster Relief Extension SPA**  
**Effective date: May 12, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Targeted Case Management by extending the suspension of face-to-face requirements as approved in disaster relief SPA 20-0006, through November 11, 2023.

**Disaster Relief Extension SPA**  
**Effective date: May 12, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), by extending the \$12 add-on for increased cost related to retaining and hiring direct care staff as approved in disaster relief SPA 22-0013, through December 31, 2023.

**Preventive Services Program**  
**Effective date: May 12, 2023**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing preventive services in order to provide coverage for initiation and facilitation of telehealth services by qualified Louisiana Medicaid enrolled ambulance providers.