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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

RE: Notification of Louisiana 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.

Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPAs. Please provide any comments you may have by **December 20, 2023**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov or by postal mail to:

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
Medicaid Policy and Compliance
P.O. Box 91030
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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, Ms. Jenkins 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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State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS
Request for Tribal Comments
November 20, 2023

Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments – Northern Area Psychiatric Hospital
Effective date: February 20, 2024

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments in order to establish the qualification criteria and methodology for payments for the uncompensated care costs of inpatient psychiatric hospitals located in the northern area of the state, with an academic training mission for services provided to uninsured and low-income individuals from the payment pool created in accordance with Act 447.

Inpatient Hospital Services – Teaching Hospitals
Effective date: February 20, 2024

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services in order to clarify the purpose of the affiliated agreement that hospitals must have with an accredited institution for major or minor teaching hospital graduation education training and the options applicable for residency programs.

Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
Leave of Absence Days
Effective date: February 20, 2024

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing leave of absence days for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) in order to increase the total leave days for ICF/IID residents from 45 to 60 and from 30 consecutive days in any single occurrence to 45 consecutive days.