



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

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

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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 amendment (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 30, 2024**, 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  
Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.  
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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  
April 30, 2024

**Hospice Care Services**  
**Effective date: April 1, 2024**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing reimbursement for hospice services in order to ensure that the current payment methodology aligns with CMS requirements.

**Inpatient Hospital Services**  
**Effective date: July 20, 2024**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services in order to include language around reimbursement for emergency psychiatric admissions to non-psychiatric inpatient hospitals/units.

**Provider Screening and Enrollment**  
**Effective date: July 20, 2024**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing provider screening and enrollment in order to comply with CMS requirements.

**Children's and Adult Behavioral Health Services**  
**Effective date: August 1, 2024**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing children's and adult mental health services to expand the mental health professionals eligible to provide therapeutic services to include provisionally licensed professional counselors, provisionally licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed master social workers.