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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.

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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 **July 7, 2025**, to Marjorie Jenkins via email at [Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov](mailto:Marjorie.Jenkins@la.gov) or by postal mail to:

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Should you have additional questions about Medicaid policy, you may contact Marjorie at the email address above or by telephone at (225) 342-3881.

Thank you for your continued support of the tribal consultation process.

Sincerely,

*Marjorie V. Jenkins* for  
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Attachment

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**State Plan Amendments for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
June 30, 2025

**Nursing Facilities Resource Utilization Group (RUG) to Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM)**

**Effective date: July 1, 2025**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend the standards for payment and reimbursement for nursing facilities in order to implement the patient driven payment model (PDPM) for case-mix classification.

Louisiana Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates will be set utilizing the Payment Driven Payment Model (PDPM) resident classification system for the calculation of case-mix indices (CMI), and the Resource Utilization Group (RUG-III) will no longer be utilized. A blend of five PDPM components will be utilized in the calculation of CMIs. This change will be applied to the nursing facility cost report period case-mix index utilized in rate rebasing procedures, as well as the nursing facility-wide average case-mix index values utilized in the quarterly rate setting process.

**Inpatient Hospital Services Sickle Cell Gene Therapy**

**Effective date: July 1, 2025**

The purpose of this SPA is to amend provisions governing inpatient hospital services. Gene therapies for sickle cell disease administered during an inpatient stay shall be reimbursed outside of the per diem rate for the inpatient stay. Claims for gene therapies for sickle cell disease shall be reimbursed at actual acquisition cost.