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Dear Louisiana Tribal Contact:

**RE: Notification of Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment**

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 amendment (SPA) that may have an impact on your tribe.

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Attached for your review and comments is a summary of the proposed SPA. Please provide any comments you may have by **February 28, 2026**, 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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**CHIP State Plan Amendment for Submittal to CMS**  
Request for Tribal Comments  
January 29, 2026

**CHIP Health Services Initiative - ThriveKids Student Wellness Program**  
**Effective date: July 1, 2026**

The purpose of the SPA is to amend provisions governing the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in order to utilize the health services initiative option as allowed by 42 CFR 457.10, to support the health of economically disadvantaged children while keeping them in school by providing care coordination, mental and behavioral health services, chronic condition management, school nurse services, health care screenings and education, as well as other health care needs at school and in the community.