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Our Reference: SPA LA 09-31

Mr. Don Gregory, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bienville Building
628 North 4th St.
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030
Attention: Allyson Lamy

Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 09-31. This state plan amendment reduces the reimbursement rate for laboratory, radiology and portable radiology services by 4.7 percent.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for the SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 09-31 is approved with an effective date of August 4, 2009 as requested. A copy of the HCFA – 179, Transmittal No. 09-31 dated September 29, 2009 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures