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Our Reference: SPA LA 09-56

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 09-56. This state plan amendment provides for supplemental payments for outpatient services to non-rural, non-state hospitals that enter into an agreement with a state or local governmental entity for the purpose of providing healthcare services to low income and needy patients. The State has agreed to provide certification from the governmental entities that the Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs) are voluntary.

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 09-56 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2010 as requested. A copy of the HCFA – 179, Transmittal No. 09-56 dated December 30, 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

