



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

October 17, 2012

National Institutional Reimbursement Team
Attention: Mark Cooley
CMS, CMSO
7500 Security Boulevard, M/S S3-13-15
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Re: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan Amendment
(TN) 11-38 Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Methodology – Low-Income and Needy
Care Collaboration (LINCC)

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Please refer to the above proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-38 with a proposed effective date of November 1, 2011. The purpose of this amendment is to revise the nursing facilities reimbursement methodology to establish a supplemental Medicaid payment for nursing facilities that enter into an agreement with a state or local governmental entity for the purpose of providing health care services to low-income and needy patients.

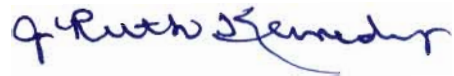
A conference call was conducted on October 9, 2012 between CMS and the state as a result of the email received from Bill Brooks on October 5, 2012. During the call, CMS suggested that the state could add language to the proposed SPA indicating that currently no providers qualify for this payment. The state agreed to pursue this option to add language that no providers currently qualify for payment; therefore, the state would make no supplemental payments under this State Plan amendment.

On October 16, 2012, the state was informed by CMS that this option was not acceptable to move the SPA forward. In light of this latest information from CMS, we now request that the RAI response dated August 31, 2012 be withdrawn so that the State can work with CMS to address the outstanding issues on the amendment. We appreciate the assistance of Tamara Sampson in resolving this issue.

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If you have any questions, please contact Keydra Singleton at 225-342-4294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Ruth Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

J. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director

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