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Ms. Ruth Kennedy, Director
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RE: Louisiana 12-62

Dear Ms. Kennedy:


We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 12-62. This amendment proposes to revise the reimbursement methodology for disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments for non-state owned and private hospitals. The effect of this amendment is that three additional hospitals (Meridian Behavioral Health d/b/a Northlake Behavioral Hospital, River Oaks Hospital and Community Care Hospital) qualify for DSH payments.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. As part of the review process the State was asked to provide information regarding funding of the State share of expenditures under Attachment 4.19-A.

Based upon your assurances, Medicaid State plan amendment 12-62 is approved effective January 2, 2013. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the new plan page.

If you have any questions, please call Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431.

Sincerely,


Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosures