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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

March 11, 2013

Our Reference: SPA LA 12-67

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bienville Building
628 North 4th Street
Post Office Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attn: Darlene York
Keydra Singleton

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 12-67. This state plan amendment adds language to include additional substance abuse screenings for Medicaid eligible pregnant women in the event of miscarriage or fetal death within the 270 day pregnancy period. The plan also lists the LaHART system as the State's screening and assessment tool for these services.

Transmittal Number 12-67 is approved with an effective date of November 21, 2012 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 12-67 dated December 14, 2012 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of the Associate Regional Administrator.

Bill Brooks

Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
12-67

2. STATE
Louisiana

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
November 21, 2012

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN

☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

☒ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

42 CFR 440.210 (a) (2) (ii)

42 CFR 447, Subpart B

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2012 (\$0)

b. FFY 2013 (\$0)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 3.1-A, Item 20.b, Page 3

Attachment 4.19-B, Item 20.b Page 3

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN
SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Same (TN 11-15)

Same (TN 11-15)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: **The purpose of this SPA is to establish the requirement that providers use the Louisiana Health Assessment Referral and Treatment System (LaHART) to receive payment for substance abuse screening and brief intervention services rendered to Medicaid eligible pregnant women. This amendment also adds language to include additional screenings in the event of miscarriage or fetal death within the 270 days.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

The Governor does not review state plan material.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:

Bruce D. Greenstein

14. TITLE:

Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

December 13, 2012

16. RETURN TO:

J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director

State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals

628 N. 4th Street

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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

14 December, 2012

18. DATE APPROVED:

11 March, 2013

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY A

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

21 November, 2012

20. SIGN

21. TYPED NAME:

Bill Brooks

22. TITLE: **Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health**

23. REMARKS:

STATE OF LOUISIANAPAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Substance Abuse Screening and Intervention

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2011, the Medicaid Program shall provide reimbursement for substance abuse screening and intervention services rendered to Medicaid eligible pregnant women.

Reimbursement for these services shall be a flat fee based on the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding (HCPC) code.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed reimbursement rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The flat fees were set as of April 1, 2011. Fee schedules are published on the Medicaid provider website at www.lamedicaid.com.

SUPERSEDES: TN. 11-15

STATE <u>Louisiana</u>	A
DATE REC'D <u>12-14-12</u>	
DATE APPV'D <u>3-11-13</u>	
DATE EFF <u>11-21-12</u>	
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STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED
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MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Substance Abuse Screening and Intervention

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2011, the Department shall provide coverage of substance abuse screening and brief intervention services rendered to Medicaid eligible pregnant women. These services may be performed based on medical necessity. Louisiana uses the Louisiana Health Assessment Referral and Treatment system (LaHART) as its substance abuse screening and intervention tool.

1. Screening services shall include the screening of pregnant women for the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and/or domestic violence.
2. Intervention services shall include a brief 15-30 minute counseling session with a health care professional intended to help motivate the recipient to develop a plan to moderate their use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.

Substance abuse screening and intervention services shall be limited to one occurrence each per pregnancy, or once every 270 days. However, if the patient experiences a miscarriage or fetal death and becomes pregnant within the 270 day period, then a screening and brief intervention will be allowed for the subsequent pregnancy.

SUPERSEDES: TN- 11-15

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