

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Dallas Regional Office  
1301 Young Street, Suite 833  
Dallas, Texas 75202



**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

---

November 6, 2013

Our Reference: SPA LA 13-32

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

Attn: Darlene Adams  
Jodie Hebert

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 13-32. The state plan amendment reduces the rates paid for leave of absence days in nursing facilities to 10 percent of the applicable per diem rates.

Transmittal Number 13-32 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2013 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 13-32 dated September 10, 2013 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures