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Mr. Norm Nichols
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Re: Review Process Clarification

Dear Mr. Nichols:

We are providing additional clarification relative to the inpatient admission review process. This additional effort outlined in the attached policy will help to ensure that we are responsive to the findings of the Legislative Auditor report issued earlier this year regarding our application of InterQual criteria. This policy also will serve as direction in order to ensure that we maintain compliance with the current rule on Inpatient Hospital Services Pre-Admission Certification published in the Louisiana Register.

Effective **October 18, 2010** and after, any retroactive review, resubmitted request, or reconsideration must be reviewed according to the attached policy.

The following RA message should be published in the RA of Tuesday September 28, 2010 and should be repeated for the subsequent three weeks. It should also be included in the next Provider Update.

**Attention Hospital Providers:
Provider Notice for Retrospective Review Process**

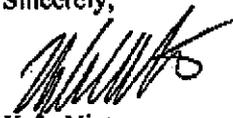
Effective October 18, 2010 hospitals must submit documentation for retrospective reviews per the clarification posted on the Louisiana Medicaid Website. Please visit www.lamedicaid.com and click on the yellow "Acute Precert" button on the left side of the home page. This will bring you to the detailed provider notice concerning this clarification.

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We continue to appreciate your cooperativeness and your participation in working towards implementation of these crucial program efficiencies. Please refer any questions or concerns to Lana Ryland at 342-5691.

Sincerely,



Kyle Viator
Medicaid Deputy Director.

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Attachment

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