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Dear Mr. Nichols:

The following RA message should be published in the RA of Tuesday August 17, 2010 and should be repeated for the subsequent two weeks. It should also be included in the next Provider Update. Please contact Paige Hargrove (225)342-6415 at DHH if you have any questions.

**Attention Hospital Providers and Physician Providers
Precertification Changes**

Effective August 30, 2010, two significant changes will take place concerning hospital policy and Precertification requirements:

1. Change in policy for the outpatient 24 hour rule.
2. Change in requirement for Hospital Precertification of deliveries and accompanying billing changes.

Please visit www.lamedicaid.com for detailed provider notices concerning these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Viator".

Kyle Viator
Medicaid Deputy Director

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Karen Barnes, Policy Section

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