



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

September 15, 2015

Planned Parenthood
ATTN:Melaney Linton
4018 Magazine Street
New Orleans, LA 70115

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested (7012 2210 0001 6260 0080)

Re: Termination / Revocation of Louisiana Medicaid Provider Agreement
Provider Number 91338

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