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William J. Streur, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
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RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-003

Dear Mr. Streur:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-003. This SPA revises reimbursement rates for personal care services (PCS).

This SPA is approved effective March 1, 2011, as requested by the State.

During the review of Alaska SPA 11-003, CMS performed an analysis of corresponding coverage sections not originally submitted with this SPA. This analysis revealed issues that will require additional information and/or possible revision through a corrective action plan (CAP). Under separate cover, CMS will release a letter detailing those issues, and provide guidance on timeframes for correction.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Tom Couch at (208) 334-9482 or E-mail at Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc:

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