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June 28, 2010

Ms. Carol A. Herrmann-Steckel, MPH Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Post Office Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-006

Dear Ms. Herrmann-Steckel:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 10-006 and received in the Regional Office on March 30, 2010.

Section 112 of Public Law 110-275, amended section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act to make the resource limit for the QMB, SLMB and QI programs conform to the resource limit for individuals who qualify for the full subsidy Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy. This amendment increases the resource limits for these programs to three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually since 1996 by the increase in the consumer price index, as required by this legislation. However, this amendment will not have an impact on individuals applying for or receiving benefits under Alabama's Medicare Savings Programs, Indians and Indians health programs, or on the federal budget, because the Alabama Medicaid Agency does not consider resources when determining eligibility for these programs.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 10-006 was approved on June 25, 2010. The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2010. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415 or Sally Brown at (404) 562-7352.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations