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December 20, 2010

Mr. Robert Church
Acting Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
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Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-013

Dear Mr. Church:

We have reviewed Alabama State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-013, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on October 19, 2010. This State Plan Amendment (SPA) is amending Attachment 3.1-A page 3.6a , item 6d of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance to add Women's Health Care and Neonatal Nurse Practitioners as enrolled independent practitioners. The State currently does not identify specific nurse practitioner specialties (other than the mandatory coverage of family and pediatric nurse practitioners) and covers all other nurse practitioner specialties-under the physician benefit. The addition of these new specialty nurses will improve access to medical services for women and their unborn children and this expanded access is expected to produce potential savings as well.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Alabama SPA 10-013 as of December 16, 2010. The effective date is November 1, 2010. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan page are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Maria Donatto at (404) 562-3697.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures