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April 14, 2011

R. Bob Mullins, Jr., MD
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
P.O. Box 5624
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Re: Alabama State Plan Amendment 10-016

Dear Dr. Mullins:

We have reviewed the proposed Alabama State plan amendment (SPA) 10-016, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on October 14, 2010. A Request for Additional Information (RAI) was sent to the State on December 23, 2010. The State responded to the RAI on March 3, 2011.

This SPA exempts Indians from cost sharing if they are past or present “active users” of any Indian health services provider (see Attachment 4.19-B, pp. 1a-2a). This cost sharing exemption complies with section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which provides protections for Indians in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. The State deleted the specific listing of exemptions, since the exemptions are covered under section 1916(a)(2) and (j) of the Social Security Act, and at 42 CFR 447.53(b).

Based on the information provided, Alabama State plan amendment 10-016 was approved on April 12, 2011. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. The effective date of this amendment is May 1, 2011.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Crystal Francis at (404) 562-7464 or Crystal.Francis@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures