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April 1, 2011

Mr. R. Bob Mullins, Jr., MD
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
Post Office Box 5624
Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-002

Dear Mr. Mullins:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan that was submitted January 18, 2011 under transmittal number 11-002. This State Plan Amendment addresses the requirements regarding Estate Recovery per Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) by encouraging dual eligible beneficiaries to fully utilize Medicare cost-sharing benefits available through the Medicare Savings Program.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Alabama Medicaid State Plan Amendment 11-002. This SPA was approved on March 29, 2011. The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2011. 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.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures