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July 27, 2011

R. Bob Mullins, Jr., MD Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue P.O. Box 5624 Montgomery, AL 36103-5624

Re: Alabama State Plan Amendment 11-006

Dear Dr. Mullins:

We have reviewed the proposed Alabama State plan amendment (SPA) 11-006, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on May 11, 2011.

Alabama SPA 11-006 complies with Section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provides protections for Indians in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. This SPA establishes Alabama's Tribal consultation process, which consists of Alabama Medicaid sending written notices to the Porch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama. This Tribal consultation process was established as part of an agreement between the State and the Tribe.

Based on the information provided, Alabama State plan amendment 11-006 was approved on July 22, 2011. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. The effective date of this amendment is June 1, 2011.

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

Sincerely,

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