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December 12, 2011

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

Attention: Stephanie Lindsey

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-018

Dear Dr. Mullins:

We reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) AL 11-018 that was received in the Regional Office on September 15, 2011. The amendment allows the Alabama Medicaid Agency to define services that an optometrist is legally authorized to perform as physicians' services under the State plan and are reimbursed whether furnished by a physician or an optometrist. The plan pages amended are Attachments 3.1-A page 2.5, Attachment 3.1-A page 2.5a, Attachment 3.1-A page 3, Attachment 3.1-A page 3.6, Attachment 4.19-B page 2a and Preprint page 27 of the Alabama State Plan.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment AL 11-018. This SPA was approved on December 7, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2011. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Maria Drake at (404) 562-3697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze".

Jackie Glaze

Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations