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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

May 21, 2013

Ms. Stephanie Azar, Acting Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Post Office Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, # AL-11-022

Dear Ms. Azar:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan transmittal #11-022 that was received in the Regional Office on November 4, 2011. This amendment was submitted to modify reimbursement methodology in Attachment 4.19-B page 2 of the Alabama State Plan with the effective date of January 1, 2012. The amendment would allow the Alabama Medicaid Agency to change physician access payments to teaching facilities to include general practice, family practice and general pediatrics physicians.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment AL 11-022. This SPA was approved on May 21, 2013. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2012. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Raymundo at 404-562-7406 or Charlie Arnold at 404-562-7425.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures