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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

January 29, 2013

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

Attention: Stephanie Lindsay

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #12-017

Dear Ms. Azar:

We have reviewed Alabama State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-017, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on November 30, 2012. The purpose of this amendment is to remove the waiver of services related to the treatment of a terminal illness required when a beneficiary under the age of 21 elects hospice services.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Alabama SPA 12-017 as of January 29, 2013. The effective date is December 1, 2012. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan page are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Melanie Johnson at (404) 562-0151.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures