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**Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI**

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Our Reference: SPA-AR-11-01

Eugene Gessow, State Medicaid Director  
Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services  
P.O. Box 1437  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Gessow:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-01. Effective April 1, 2011, the Arkansas Title XIX State Plan has been amended to add language for Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) to the Medicaid program.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 11-01 is approved with an effective date of April 1, 2011 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 11-01 dated December 22, 2010 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Enclosure