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

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July 29, 2011

Our Reference: SPA-AR-11-07

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 11-07. Effective July 1, 2011, the Arkansas Title XIX State Plan has been amended to reflect that the State does not license or otherwise approve freestanding birth centers. Additionally, this amendment was submitted to comply with Section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Transmittal Number 11-07 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2011 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 11-07 dated June 30, 2011 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