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Region VIII

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Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
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RE: Colorado #11-001

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-001. This amendment implements the Tribal Consultation Requirements from Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act (the Act) which requires a State in which one or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services to establish a process for the State Medicaid agency to seek advice on a regular, ongoing basis from designees of Indian health programs whether operated by the Indian Health Service, (IHS), Tribes or Tribal organizations under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), or Urban Indian Organizations under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA).

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Cindy Smith at (303) 844-7041.

Sincerely,

/s/

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