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Region VIII

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RE: Colorado #11-021

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-021. This SPA reflects the Colorado legislative mandate to decrease the reimbursement for outpatient substance abuse treatment.

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

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Diane Dunstan-Murphy at (303) 844-7040.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
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