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Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
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RE: Colorado #11-049

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-049. Section 4107 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148, which amended Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides Medicaid coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women, including both counseling and pharmacotherapy, without cost sharing. This SPA adds face-to-face tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women and come into compliance with the Section 4107.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2012. 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/

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