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July 12, 2010

Ms. Roberta K. Bradford
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
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RE: Florida State Plan Amendment 09-021

Dear Ms. Bradford:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Florida Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-021 and received in the Regional Office on December 17, 2009. This amendment proposed to provide an additional personal needs allowance in Attachment 2.6-A for individuals with greater needs, living only in institutions, and receiving therapeutic wage income from working. The additional personal needs allowance is permitted under the post eligibility process in an amount equal to ½ of the gross amount of therapeutic wages up to a maximum of \$111.00 per month. However, this deduction will not be applied to patient responsibility computations for community hospice or home and community based services.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-021 was approved on July 9, 2010. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2009. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan page.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Elaine Elmore at (404) 562-7408.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures