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Mr. Justin Senior
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
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RE: Florida Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal FL 11-019 1915(i)

Dear Mr. Senior:

We have reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) FL 11-019 for a new State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) benefit under 1915(i) of the Social Security Act (the Act). This SPA was initially submitted on December 15, 2011 with a stated purpose to redirect troubled youth away from residential placements to more cost-effective, family-focused, mental health and substance abuse treatment options, allowing them to live at home.

Since the state has elected to target the population who can receive these Section 1915(i) State plan HCBS, CMS approves this SPA for a five-year period, in accordance with Section 1915(i)(7) of the Act. Florida will be able to renew this SPA for an additional five-year period if CMS determines, prior to the beginning of the renewal period, that the state met federal and state requirements and that the state's monitoring is in accordance with the quality improvement strategy specified in Florida's approved SPA.

Upon publication of the final regulations for Section 1915(i) State plan HCBS, Florida would need to come into compliance with any requirements imposed by the final regulations not already met by the state.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve FL SPA 11-019 1915(i). This SPA was approved on ~~XXXXXX~~March 11, 2013. The effective date of this amendment is February 18, 2012. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Etta Hawkins at (404) 562-7429 or Darlene Noonan at (404) 562-2707.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures