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June 22, 2012

Mr. Justin Senior Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive, Mailstop #20 Tallahassee, Florida 32308

RE: Florida State Plan Amendment 12-001

Dear Mr. Senior:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Florida Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 12-001 and received in the Regional Office on March 30, 2012. This amendment allows children under the age of 21 to continue receiving medically necessary curative services upon election of the hospice benefit. To qualify, a physician must certify that the Medicaid eligible child is within the last 9 months of life.

Additionally, the State also made changes on the Intermediate Care Facility services coverage pages to make the State Plan current with existing provision of services.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Florida State Plan Amendment 12-001 as of June 21, 2012. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2012. The signed HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

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