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September 29, 2017

Beth Kidder
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid
Agency for Health Care Administration
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ATTN: James Ross

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment 17-0003

Dear Ms. Kidder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Florida State Plan, submitted under transmittal number FL 17-0003. This amendment updates outdated language pertaining to home health visit services, specifically, the number of home health visits available to recipients. The coverage includes up to four intermittent home health visits per day for recipients under the age of 21 years and pregnant adults, and up to three intermittent home health visits per day for non-pregnant adults.

Based on the information provided, this amendment was approved on September 29, 2017. The effective date is January 1, 2017. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA 179 and plan pages. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl L. Brimage at 404-562-7116 or by email at cheryl.brimage@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Shantrina Roberts
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnosis of Individuals Under 21 Years of Age and Treatment of Conditions Found

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HOME HEALTH VISITS -

Payment for home health visits are based on a State-developed fee schedule which is the same for both governmental and private providers. The Agency's home health visits rates were set as of 1/01/2015, effective for services on or after this date. The fee schedules are published at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/review/fee_schedules.shtml

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