

**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

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Charles Krogmeier, Director  
Department of Human Services  
Hoover State Office Building  
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Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

On September 23, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal #10-014, which amends the state plan to include reimbursement of an administrative fee for pharmacies administering the influenza vaccine available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This SPA replaces the information on Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A, pages 17.

This SPA 10-014 was approved on December 16, 2010 with an effective date of November 1, 2010 as requested by the State. However, during the review of this SPA, CMS performed an analysis of the same page/corresponding review coverage and reimbursement provisions. Please note that this analysis revealed reimbursement issues already identified through the review of IA 09-021 and IA 10-004. The issues will be resolved under the responses to the IA 09-021 and IA 10-004 companion letters.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form as well as the approved page for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

I appreciate the work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact Rhonda Wells or Sharon Taggart at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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