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

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Refer to:  
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IA SPA 11-002

Charles M. Palmer, Director  
Department of Human Services  
Hoover State Office Building  
1305 East Walnut, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0119

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On January 5, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's state plan amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-002 through which the State is attesting that it will establish a Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program as required by the Affordable Care Act.

Iowa's SPA attesting to the establishment of a RAC program was due to the Kansas City Regional Office by December 31, 2010. Iowa's SPA transmittal #11-002 was reviewed to determine the impact of the late submittal. After consulting with the Office of General Counsel it has been determined that since the SPA is an assurance that the State had a RAC program in place that meets certain requirements, it would not impact when the SPA is effective; what matters is when the RAC program is in place, therefore, the late submittal of SPA #11-002 does not cause an issue for the State of Iowa.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #11-002 on February 18, 2011, with an effective date of January 1, 2011. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Sandra Levels at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

Leticia Barraza  
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for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

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