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Charles M. Palmer, Director
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On June 20, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #11-010, which proposes to transition remedial services to managed care (MC) and reimburse non-MC providers on a fee schedule. The program name is also changing to Behavioral Health Intervention Services.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #11-010 as of February 28, 2012, with an effective date of July 1, 2011, as requested by the State. However, during the review of this SPA, CMS performed an analysis of the coverage and reimbursement provisions. This analysis revealed issues that will require additional information and/or possible revision through a corrective action plan. Under separate cover, CMS will release a letter detailing those issues and providing guidance on timeframes for correction.

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 contact Narinder Singh at (816) 426-5925 or Narinder.Singh@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer