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## Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

September 19, 2011

Refer to: DMCH; BC IA SPA 11-011

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

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On June 20, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received lowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-011, to adjust premiums for the Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD) eligibility group. We were provided an assurance that the State has a process to identify and exempt tribal members from the premiums imposed for this group as required by federal law.

Based upon the information received, SPA 11-011 was approved on September 16, 2011, with an effective August 1, 2011. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form as well as the approved page for incorporation into the Iowa State plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Barbara Cotterman at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely

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

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer Alisa Horn Sally Oudekerk