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

May 10, 2013

Charles Palmer, Director  
Department of Human Services  
Hoover State Office Building  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0119

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On September 26, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #12-013, which proposes to implement 2% increase in reimbursement rate for home-health intermittent nursing services effective July 1, 2012.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #12-013 as of May 9, 2013, with an effective date of July 1, 2012, 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](mailto:Narinder.Singh@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer