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Julie Hamos, Director Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Prescott E. Bloom Building 201 South Grand Avenue East Springfield, Illinois 62763-0001

ATTN: Theresa Eagleson

RE: TN 12-021

Dear Ms. Hamos:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment (SPA).

Transmittal #12-021 - Approves Illinois' request to eliminate payments for bed reserves for individuals residing in a nursing facility, with the exception of persons who are under 21 years of age receiving hospitalization and therapeutic visits in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD).

-- Effective Date: July 1, 2012

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Cathy Song at (312) 353-5184 or by email at Catherine.Songl@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

Verlon Johnson

Associate Regional Administrator

Clerk Johnson

Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Mary Doran, HFS