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Andrew Allison, PhD
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Dear Dr. Allison:

On March 5, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Kansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #10-03, which proposes to reduce payments for various Medicaid services.

This SPA was approved on November 23, 2010, with an effective date of January 1, 2010 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 Kansas State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact Narinder Singh or Mandy Hanks at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure

cc: Barbara Langner, Ph.D.