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KS SPA #11-04

Andrew Allison, PhD.
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Dear Dr. Allison:

On March 16, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Kansas' State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-04 through which the State is formally implementing a provision in the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA). This Act excludes all Medicare cost-sharing expenditures from Estate Recovery for Medicare Savings program recipients beginning January 1, 2010. Kansas implemented a similar exemption for cost sharing costs for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries from estate recovery in 2004, but did not exempt premium costs at that time, which is required by the MIPAA provision. Therefore, this SPA adds the exemption of premium costs for all Medicare savings recipients.

Based upon the revisions received, we are now ready to approve SPA #11-04 as of June 7, 2011, with an effective date of January 1, 2011. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Kansas State plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Barbara Cotterman at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott
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Enclosure

cc: Barbara Langner, PhD., RN
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