

Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

June 11, 2010

Ronald Levy, Director
Missouri Department of Social Services
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Dear Mr. Levy:

On April 12, 2010, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal #10-02, which proposes to eliminate the "confined to the Home" requirement of the MO HealthNet home health program as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services February 26, 2010 letter in order to maintain federal financial participation. This SPA replaces the information on Attachment 3.1-A, pages 13 – 14.

This SPA was approved on June 3, 2010 with an effective of October 1, 2010 as requested by the State. However, during the review of SPA 10-02, CMS performed an analysis of the coverage and reimbursement provisions that correspond to the coverage pages. 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 page for incorporation into the Missouri 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 me at (816)426-5925 or have your staff contact Rhonda Wells or Debbie Read at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

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cc: Ian McCaslin