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Brian Kinkade, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Kinkade:

Congratulations on being the first State to submit and the first to receive approval of a Health Home State Plan Amendment (SPA) in response to Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act.

On July 22, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's SPA, transmittal #11-0011, through which the State is implementing Community Mental Health Center-Health Homes through Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act.

This SPA is approved October 20, 2011 with an effective date of January 1, 2012. In accordance with the statutory provisions at Section 1945(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, for payments made to health home providers under MO – SPA # 11-0011 during the first 8 fiscal year quarters that the SPA is in effect, the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to such payments shall be equal to 90 percent.

In addition, this approval is based on the State's agreement to implement and comply with CMS' core set of quality measures after CMS reaches a final decision on the core measurement set.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Missouri State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work Missouri dedicated to getting this SPA approved. I would like to say a special "Thank You" to Missouri staff for working diligently in partnership with CMS in addressing the numerous issues involved in the implementation of this health home SPA. I am sure that your program will be a model from which others will learn.

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If you have any questions regarding this SPA, please call Sandra Levels at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

cc: Ian McCaslin, M.D., MPH