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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

October 5, 2012

Brian Kinkade, Interim Director Missouri Department of Social Services Broadway State Office Building P.O. Box 1527 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1527

Dear Mr. Kinkade:

On March 29, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #12-08 through which the State is attesting compliance with Section 2301 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148. This provision requires States that recognized freestanding birth centers to provide coverage and separate payments for freestanding birth center facility services and services rendered by certain professionals providing services in a freestanding birth center, to the extent the State licenses or otherwise recognizes such providers under State law.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve MO SPA #12-08 as of October 4, 2012 with an effective date of January 1, 2012. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Missouri Medicaid State Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Sandra Levels at <u>Sandra.Levels @ cms.hhs.gov</u> or (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure

cc: Ian McCaslin