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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

April 18, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On October 10, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #12-18, which adds language to increase payments to certain physician specialties for primary care evaluation and management (E/M) healthcare common procedure coding system (HCPCS) codes as required by Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act. On January 7, 2013, the Regional Office (RO) sent a request for additional information (RAI) informing the state to complete the OMB approved reimbursement template provided to them on December 17, 2012. The state responded to the RAI on January 28, 2013.

This SPA was approved on April 17, 2013, with an effective date of January 1, 2013, as requested by the state. 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 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 or Kevin Slaven at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure

cc: Ian McCaslin