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January 31, 2011

Dr. Robert L. Robinson
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Re: Mississippi Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-031

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Mississippi Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 10-031 and received in the Regional Office on November 2, 2010. This amendment allows the Mississippi Medicaid program to ensure the hospice coverage page and hospice reimbursement page in the Mississippi State Plan are alike regarding the benefit periods. The hospice benefit period allows for an initial 90-day period, a subsequent 90-day period, and then an unlimited number of 60-day periods provided a physician certifies that the individual is terminally ill or that the condition of the individual has not changed since the previous certification of terminal illness.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment MS 10-031 was approved on January 27, 2011. The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2011. The signed HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Carolyn Brown at (404) 562-7421.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie L. Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures