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Dr. Robert Robinson, Executive Director Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor 550 High Street – Suite 1000 Walter Sillers Building Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Mississippi Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-035

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have reviewed the proposed Mississippi State plan amendment (SPA) 10-035, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on December 23, 2010.

This Tribal consultation process was established as part of an agreement between the State and the Tribes, and complies with Section 5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ARRA provides protections for Indians in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. This amendment establishes Mississippi's Tribal consultation process, which consists of the Mississippi Division of Medicaid sending written notices to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Mississippi State plan amendment 10-035. This SPA was approved on March 7, 2011. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2011.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Crystal Francis at (404) 562-7464 or <a href="mailto:Crystal.Francis@cms.hhs.gov">Crystal.Francis@cms.hhs.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures