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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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October 19, 2012

David J. Dzielak, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor  
550 High Street, Suite 1000  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Re: Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # MS 12-002

Dear Dr. Dzielak:

We have reviewed Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-002, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on July 23, 2012. This SPA was submitted to make changes to Optometrist services available in the Mississippi State Plan. It will add Optometrist services as a covered service allowing Optometrist coverage to all eligible beneficiaries, not just the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) beneficiaries. This correction will conform to current state law and federal regulations and allow Optometric service providers to participate in the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive program for eligible professionals.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Mississippi SPA 12-002 as of October 19, 2012. The effective date is July 1, 2012. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Carolyn Brown at (404) 565-7421.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures