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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

September 26, 2012

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

Re: Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal # MS 12-005

Dear Dr. Dzielak:

We have reviewed Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-005, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on June 29, 2012. This SPA was submitted in response to Companion letter MS 11-008 which was filed to allow the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to revise the reimbursement methodology for Ambulatory Surgical Centers payments. MS SPA 12-005 will specify coverage and separate reimbursement for Freestanding Birthing Center Facility Services and Professional Services in order to comply with Section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve Mississippi SPA 12-005 as of September 26, 2012. The effective date is April 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) 562-7421.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures