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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-011

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-011 and received in the Regional Office on September 29, 2009. This amendment updates the payment methodology for Hospice Care and implements a blank supplemental page to address future hospice rates that may be adjusted. This amendment also adjusts State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010 and 2011 rates for Home Health, Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care (Community Based) as follow:

- A rate reduction of 5.73% (annualized over nine months / Oct. 2009 – June 2010) for Home Health and Private Duty Nursing
- A rate reduction of 4.96% (annualized over nine months / Oct. 2009 – June 2010) for Personal Care (Community Based)

As part of the corresponding page review of policy, North Carolina submitted 3.1-A.1 coverage pages 12g, 13, 13a, 13a.1, 13a.2, 13a.3, 13a.4, and 13b as a part of the formal response to the formal Request for Additional Information (RAI), which was received on 2/12/10. The aforementioned 3.1A pages have been amended to include additional language for coverage descriptions, provider qualifications, and limitations for the services. The State issued permission by e-mail to add the above pages to the 179 through pen and ink changes.

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Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-011 was approved on May 12, 2010. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan page.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures