

March 5, 2010

Craigan Gray, MD, MBA, JD Director Division of Medical Assistance North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2501 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2501

Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-019

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-019 and received in the Regional Office on September 29, 2009. This amendment is to apply an overall negative inflationary adjustment of 4.16 percent for SFY 2010 and freeze rates for SFY 2011. This change is required due to the State administrative decision to freeze existing rates effective July 1, 2009 and effective October 1, 2009 to implement negative inflationary adjustments for SFY 2010.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-019 was approved on March 4, 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 Clarence Lewis at (404) 562-7432, Cheryl Brimage at (404) 562-7116 or Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures