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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
2501 Mail Service Center  
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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-023

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan NC 10-023 that was received in the Regional Office on October 12, 2010. This amendment changes the requirement for unmanaged outpatient mental health visits for recipients less than 21 years of age from 26 to 16 visits per calendar year. It implements a prior authorization after the 16<sup>th</sup> visit.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 10-023 was approved on December 23, 2010. The effective date of this amendment is November 1, 2010. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Elaine Elmore at (404) 562-7408.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures