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Re: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-039

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-039 that was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on December 28, 2010. This State Plan Amendment addresses the requirements regarding Estate Recovery per Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) by encouraging dual eligible beneficiaries to fully utilize Medicare cost-sharing benefits available through the Medicare Savings Program.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the North Carolina State Plan Amendment 10-039. This SPA was approved on March 25, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2010. The signed HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures