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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC 11-050

Dear Dr. Gray:

We reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 11-050 that was received in the Regional Office on October 31, 2011. The amendment allows North Carolina to implement the Health Homes provision through Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act. Through this SPA, North Carolina will receive additional Federal support for the enhanced integration and coordination of primary, acute, and long term services and supports for persons across the lifespan who have chronic illness. In accordance with the statutory provisions at Section 1945(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, payments may be made to health home providers under NC 11-050 during the first 8 fiscal year quarters that the SPA is in effect, the Federal medical assistance percentage applicable to such payments shall be equal to 90 percent.

In addition, this approval is based on the State's agreement to implement and comply with CMS' health home core set of quality measures.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 11-050. This SPA was approved on May 24, 2012. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2011. 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 or Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures