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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC-12 -003

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State plan NC 12 - 003 that was received in the Regional Office on January 20, 2012. The amendment was submitted to extend the sunset date of February 29, 2012 to January 1, 2013 in the North Carolina State plan for Personal Care Services (PCS) provided to individuals living in a private residence, as well as PCS furnished in an Adult Care Home (ACH), Family Care Home, or a Supervised Living Home.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is approving this State Plan Amendment (SPA), but it is only approved through April 30, 2012. Therefore the sunset language in the SPA reflects that the reimbursement methodology for PCS in Attachment 4.19-B and the coverage for PCS in Attachment 3.1-A.1 will cease on April 30, 2012.

CMS further reminds the State that FFP under any Medicaid authority is not available for services to individuals residing in institutions for mental diseases (IMDs).

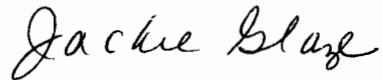
The approval of this State plan amendment relates solely to the availability of FFP for Medicaid covered services. This action does not in any way address the State's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State plan amendment NC 12-003. This SPA was approved on February 28, 2012. The effective date of this amendment is February 4, 2012. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze".

Jackie Glaze
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Enclosures