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Region VIII

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Maggie Anderson, Medicaid Director Medical Services Division North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325 Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

RE: North Dakota #11-008

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-008. This SPA concerns the prohibition of payments to institutions or entities located outside of the United States.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Sophia Hinojosa at (303) 844-7129.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen Associate Regional Administrator Division for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

CC: Mary Lou Thompson