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## Region VIII

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June 25, 2013

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 #13-005

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-005. This SPA implements the Affordable Care Act's provision to raise payments for services furnished by certain primary care physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2013. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments; we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Ann Clemens at (303) 844-2125.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

CC: Mary Lou Thompson