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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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Kerry Winterer Chief Executive Officer Department of Health & Human Services 301 Centennial Mall South, 3rd Floor P.O. Box 95026 Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

Dear Mr. Winterer:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-13 which elects the option provided in Section 214 of the Children Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 to cover pregnant women and children under Section 1903(v)(4) of the Social Security Act who are aliens lawfully residing in the state.

Based on the revisions received, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 10-13 is approved with the requested effective date of July 1, 2010. In the course of evaluating this SPA, we have been made aware of certain issues regarding the State's application forms with respect to the attestation of citizenship and alien status. We will continue to work with your staff to reconcile these issues.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Nebraska State plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Barbara Cotterman at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott Associate Regional Administrator for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Vivianne Chaumont

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