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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

December 23, 2011

Vivianne Chaumont, Director  
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services  
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care  
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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On September 27, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-14. Through this amendment the State is conforming with section 2302 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148, which amended Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (the ACT) in requiring that children who are enrolled in either Medicaid or CHIP be allowed to receive hospice services without foregoing curative treatment related to a terminal illness effective July 1, 2011.

CMS approved SPA# 11-14 on December 21, 2011, with an effective date of July 1, 2011, as requested by the State. 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 Sandra Levels at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy A. Weidler". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Timothy A. Weidler  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Cindy Kadavy  
Pat Taft