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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

March 27, 2012

Vivianne Chaumont, Director
Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care
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PO Box 95026
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On September 13, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska's state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal #11-18, in response to concerns identified in the companion letter date June 17, 2011 for CMS' approval of Nebraska State plan amendment 09-08. This SPA provides clarification of current practices regarding home health Services, Personal Care Services, and Hospice.

This SPA was approved on March 26, 2012 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 page for incorporation into the Nebraska State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me at (816)426-5925 or have your staff contact Rhonda Wells or Gail Brown Stevenson at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leticia Barraza". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Leticia Barraza
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations