

Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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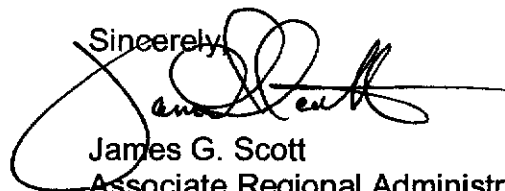
Vivianne Chaumont, Director
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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On November 8, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal # 11-30, revising the State's Tribal consultation process. This SPA changes the current Tribal consultation response time frame language from 60 days to 30 days. With this revision, if the State has not received a response from the Tribes within 30 days after giving the required Tribal consultation notification, the State will proceed with submitting that SPA to CMS. This SPA also provided evidence of your continued process of informing and seeking input from all federally recognized Native American Tribes and Indian Health Programs within the State of Nebraska regarding all applicable (non-technical) SPAs and waivers, the overall Tribal consultation process, and required timeframes, as well as, discussing any possible impact proposed SPAs might have on the Tribes.

Based on the information provided, this SPA is approved as of December 16, 2011, with an effective date of November 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 Gail Brown Stevenson at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,



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for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

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