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Michael J. Willden, Director
Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Mr. Willden:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 10-003. This SPA, effective March 12, 2010, removes certain anesthesia reimbursement codes from the State plan and reduces payment rates for anesthesiology services. The SPA reduces the dollar conversion factor for certain anesthesia services from \$37.02 per billable unit to \$21.12 per billable unit. This reduction makes the reimbursement of these services comparable to the current Medicare payment principles. The \$37.02 amount was comparable to Medicare payment principles in 1974.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Nanes at (415) 744-2977 or at Cynthia.Nanes@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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