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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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July 30, 2010

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #08-024

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 08-024, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on September 30, 2008. This plan was submitted to update the nursing facility room and board rate for residents receiving hospice services, reducing it from 100% to 98% of the facilities' Medicaid room and board rate. The room and board rates will be unchanged for residents not receiving hospice services.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 08-024 was approved on July 26, 2010. The effective date is October 1, 2008. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tandra Hodges at (404) 562-7409 or Zelda Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures