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May 28, 2010

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
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Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-011

Dear Ms. Forkner:

This letter is submitted to include pertinent information that was not originally included in your May 28, 2010 approval letter.

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-011, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on November 30, 2009. This amendment updates the children's services as it relates behavioral health rehabilitative services. In 2004 CMS requested that the State re-work its State Plan related to children's services to include all children's services under the EPSDT section. In a letter dated June 29, 2005 CMS strongly recommended that this effort be divided into manageable sections. The State agreed with this approach and began to work on the SPAs as suggested. The submission of this SPA is also in accordance with a November 6, 2009 response to the draft version of the Financial Management Review (04-FS-2008-SC-01-D) of South Carolina's behavioral health rehabilitative services for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

With the approval of SC 07-001, focus shifted to the development of a SPA for rehabilitative services related to behavioral health. Beginning November 2007, while working closely with CMS staff, the State embarked on a methodical process of describing discrete unbundled services and appropriate provider qualifications that would meet all Medicaid requirements for treating eligible beneficiaries with a behavioral health disorder who meet medical necessity criteria. Reimbursement methodology language was also developed for these services.

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Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 09-011 was approved on May 27, 2010. The effective date is July 1, 2010. 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 Michelle White at (404) 562-7328.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures