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June 21, 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 #10-001

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-001, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on March 25, 2009. This amendment impacts the State's Medicare Savings Program (MSP). Specifically, this amendment will increase the resource limits for the following programs to three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually since 1996 by the increase in the consumer price index:

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) of the Social Security Act;
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) of the Act, and
- Qualifying Individuals (QI), 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Act

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 10-001 was approved on June 15, 2010. The effective date is January 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 Sally Brown at (404) 562-7352.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures