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November 17, 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 #10-007

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-007, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on August 30, 2010. This plan was submitted to change the methods and standards for establishing payment rates (as it relates to pharmacy services) for payment of Medicare Part B and Part C deductible/coinsurance for drugs prescribed under Medicare Part B and Part C.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 10-007 was approved on November 17, 2010. The effective date is September 15, 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.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

**Enclosures**