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May 18, 2011

Mr. Anthony E. Keck, 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 #11-010

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-010, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on April 26, 2011. This amendment was submitted as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010, Section 6505 entitled, "Prohibition on Payments to Institutions or Entities Located Outside of the United States."

Specifically, the SPA amends section 1902 of the Social Security Act and requires that a State shall not provide any payments for items or services provided under the State plan or under a waiver to any financial institution or entity located outside of the United States.

Based on the information provided, we would like to inform you that South Carolina SPA 11-010 was approved on May 16, 2011. The effective date is June 1, 2011. 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,

Jackie Glaze

Associate Regional Administrator

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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

**Enclosures**