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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 #11-016

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-016, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on September 28, 2011. South Carolina submitted the proposed State Plan Amendment as part of Section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act to establish conditions and guidelines for care provided in Freestanding Birthing Centers.

Based on the information provided, we would like to inform you that South Carolina SPA 11-016 was approved on December 21, 2011. The effective date is September 15, 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 or Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

Jackie Glaze

Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures