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March 6, 2012

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary
Department of Social Services
Richard F. Kneip Building
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

RE: South Dakota #11-013

Dear Ms. Malsam-Rysdon:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-013. This State Plan Amendment slightly revises the language approved in SD SPA 11-004 which stated "This does not apply to South Dakota hospitals that are determined by the Department of Health to be above average access-critical or above at-risk" to say "This does not apply to South Dakota hospitals that are classified as Medicare Critical Access or Medicaid Access Critical." This technical correction to the wording was made to agree with the South Dakota Administrative Rules.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective December 19, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Betty Strecker at (303) 844-7028.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

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