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**Region VIII**

June 11, 2013

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

RE: South Dakota #13-001

Dear Ms. Malsam-Rysdon:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-001. This SPA implements the Affordable Care Act's provision to raise payments for services furnished by certain primary care physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2013. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments; we would appreciate that information as well.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

CC: Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger  
Amy Schwartz