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Our Reference: SPA TX 07-037

Mr. Chris Traylor
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP
Health and Human Services Commission
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Dear Mr. Traylor:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 07-037, dated August 30, 2007. The purpose of this plan is to eliminate the 2.5 percent payment reduction for Medicaid services for family planning services that was implemented effective September 1, 2003. The amendment also clarifies in the state plan the three conditions, according to federal statute, when Medicaid pays for termination of pregnancy, i.e. abortion.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of September 1, 2007. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford J. Blunt at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Tamela Griffin, Policy Development Support