



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI

August 10, 2010

Our Reference: SPA TX 09-044

Mr. Billy Millwee
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Dear Mr. Millwee:

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As previously communicated to the State, CMS issued a companion letter in conjunction with our approval of SPA 05-010B in which we requested the State to clarify coverage issues relating to Day Activity Health Services (DAHS). As referenced, that companion letter also applies to this SPA approval. It was determined that certain areas in the coverage section were not consistent with current guidance and regulations at 42 CFR 440.130(d). Please be mindful of the timeframes referenced in that companion letter.

Additionally, please note that when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's Tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to the new section 1902(a)(73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the State Plan Amendment. Such consultation must include all federally-recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the State.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of November 1, 2009. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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