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August 31, 2012

Victoria Wachino Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services 7500 Security Boulevard Mailstop S2-01-16 Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Re: 11-W-00278-6-Acceptance of the CMS-Approved Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol

Dear Ms. Wachino:

Thank you for your approval letter dated August 31, 2012. I am pleased to accept your approval of the Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool, a component of the State's section 1115 demonstration entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation Quality Improvement Program." Texas looks forward to continuing to work with CMS on the successful implementation of the DSRIP program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Betsy Johnson, Policy Analyst in the Medicaid and CHIP Division, serves as the lead staff person on this matter for purposes of formal communications with CMS and may be reached at (512) 491-1199 or by e-mail at betsy.johnson@hhsc.state.tx.us

Sincerely

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