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**Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI**

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Our Reference: SPA-AR-12-09

Dr. Andrew Allison  
State Medicaid Director  
Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services  
P.O. Box 1437  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Dr. Allison:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 12-09. Effective January 1, 2013, this State plan amendment will update policies for Self-directed Personal Assistance Services operating under the 1915(j) authority of the Social Security Act which pertain to a participant's choice of informal supports. Formerly, the State had no clear process for participants who required transitioning out of the Self-directed Personal Assistance program due to the inability to self-direct. The new policies define a more exhaustive process of informing and assisting a participant before transitioning to traditional Medicaid services.

Transmittal Number 12-09 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2013, as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 12-09 dated May 14, 2012 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Shuman at (214) 767-6479.

Sincerely,

/Bill Brooks/

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Enclosure