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Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
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RE: Colorado #11-010

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-010. This SPA provides for the removal of exceptions to the referral requirements for services available under the Primary Care Case Management plan and updates PCCM payment information.

CMS expects the State to revise this SPA if and when they decided to provide shared savings payments under the Accountable Care Collaborative Program (ACC).

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective April 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Diane Dunstan-Murphy at (303) 844-7040.

Sincerely,

/s/

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