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

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Our Reference: SPA-LA-09-54

Mr. Don Gregory, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 09-54. This state plan amendment implements a prior authorization process for coverage of certain high-tech imaging services for outpatient hospital services.

In the future, 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 the SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reconstruction Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 09-54 is approved with an effective date of January 21, 2010 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 09-54 dated December 23, 2009 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures