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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-011

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 10-011 and received in the Regional Office on March 19, 2010. The state plan revision will implement changes in the income eligibility for MQB-Q, MQB-B, MQB-W and MWD eligibility groups according to policy used in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. SSI policy for determining income eligibility employs a 'deeming' methodology. Following this methodology, the first step in determining income eligibility for an applicant/recipient who is married and living with his/her spouse, who is neither an applicant nor a recipient, is to compare the applicant's countable income to the income limit for one, ignoring the needs of the spouse. If the applicant's income exceeds the income limit for one, he or she is ineligible regardless of the spouse's situation.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 10-011 was approved on June 17, 2010. The effective date of this amendment is February 1, 2010. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan page.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Sally Brown at (404) 562-7352 or Elaine Elmore at (404) 562-7408.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze
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Enclosures