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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, NC #10-026

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan NC 10-026 that was received in the Regional Office on September 8, 2010. The amendment includes qualifications for the practitioners who furnish Personal Care Services (PCS) in the home and in the Adult Care Home.

The amendment was submitted as a result of a companion letter issued to the State by CMS that required the State to comply with 42 CFR 440.167 which sets requirements that Personal Care Services (PCS) be provided by an individual who is qualified to provide such services and who is not a member of the individual's family.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 10-026. However, the coverage and reimbursement of the Personal Care Services for individuals living in a private residence, an Adult Care Home, or a Supervised Living Home will cease on February 29, 2012 when the State will cover Personal Care Services under the authority of section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act. This SPA was approved on February 25, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is September 1, 2010. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures