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Our Reference: SPA-NM-10-02

Ms. Julie Weinberg, Acting Division Director
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Dear Ms. Weinberg:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 10-02. Effective June 15, 2010, the New Mexico Title XIX State Plan has been amended to modify the allotted number of reserve bed days to now cover six (6) reserve bed days per calendar year for every long-term care resident for hospitalization without prior approval, three (3) reserve bed days per calendar year for a brief home visit without prior approval, and six (6) additional reserve bed days per calendar year with prior approval to enable residents to adjust to a new environment, as part of the discharge plan.

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 that SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment 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 10-02 is approved with an effective date of June 15, 2010 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 10-02 dated June 28, 2010 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzette Seng at (214) 767-6478.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures