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Jason A. Helgerson
Deputy Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza
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Dear Commissioner Helgerson:

This is to notify you that New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) #11-59 has been approved for adoption into the State Medicaid Plan with an effective date of May 1, 2011. The SPA proposes to redefine the geographic regions for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to be consistent with geographic regions as defined in the Ambulatory Patient Groups (APGs) methodology. The Downstate Region shall consist of the five counties comprising New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, and Dutchess, and the Upstate Region shall consists of all counties in the State other than those counties included in the Downstate Region.

This SPA approval consists of 2 Pages. As New York has requested, we are approving the following Attachment 4.19-B Pages which was submitted by the State via electronic transmission on July 28, 2011 to CMS: Attachment 4.19-B-Page 2(c)(iv) and 2(c)(iv.1). In addition, we are processing the SPA using the HCFA-179 which was also provided in the State's August 23, 2011 submission.

This amendment satisfies all of the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13) and (a)(30) of the Social Security Act, and the implementing regulations at 42 CFR 447.250 and 447.272. Enclosed are copies of SPA #11-59 and the HCFA-179 form, as approved.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this SPA further, please contact Ricardo Holligan or Shing Jew of this office. Mr. Holligan may be reached at (212) 616-2424, and Mr. Jew's telephone number is (212) 616-2426.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure: SPA #11-59
HCFA-179 Form

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