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Our Reference: SPA TX 09-011

Mr. Chris Traylor
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP
Health and Human Services Commission
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Dear Mr. Traylor:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 09-011, dated June 15, 2009. The purpose of this plan is to update the reimbursement methodology for clinical laboratory services related to sole community hospitals and remaining providers. The amendment will allow the services related to sole community hospitals to be reimbursed at 99.2 percent of the Medicare fee associated with each procedure code and the services related to remaining providers to be reimbursed at 96 percent of the Medicare fee associated with each procedure code.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of April 1, 2009. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford J. Blunt at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Tamela Griffin, Policy Development Support