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Our Reference: SPA TX 10-063

Mr. Billy Millwee
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP
Health and Human Services Commission
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Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 10-063, dated December 7, 2010. This state plan amendment adds Texas A & M Health Science Center to the list of approved state entities that are eligible to receive supplemental payments for physician services.

Additionally, please note that 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 the new section 1902(a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the State Plan Amendment. Such consultation must include all federally-recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the State.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date of October 2, 2010. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Harper at (214) 767-6564.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures
Cc: Emily Zalkovsky, Policy Development Support