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Our Reference: SPA LA 11-21

Mr. Don Gregory, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Attn: Keydra Singleton

Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-21. This state plan amendment implements a new mandatory managed care program called BAYOU HEALTH. While CMS is approving the State Plan Amendment to implement BAYOU HEALTH beginning February 1, 2012, we continue to review the State's proposed shared savings payment methodology for calculating and issuing shared savings payments to CCN-S entities to ensure that it conforms to CMS policy. No shared savings payments shall be made until CMS approval has been received.

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 the 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 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 11-21 is approved with an effective date of February 1, 2012 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 11-21 dated August 15, 2011 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures