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William Streur, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Social Services  
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**RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-008**

Dear Mr. Streur:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-008.

This amendment clarifies reimbursement methods based upon a CMS companion letter for Mental Health Rehabilitation services, Nurse Midwife services, Speech, Hearing and Language services and Substance Abuse Rehabilitation services.

This SPA is approved effective October 1, 2010, as requested by the State.

During the review of Alaska SPA 10-008, CMS performed an analysis of corresponding coverage sections not originally submitted with this SPA. This analysis revealed issues that will require additional information and/or possible revision through a corrective action plan (CAP). Under separate cover, CMS will release a letter detailing those issues, and provide guidance on timeframes for correction.

We appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. CMS anticipates continuing this cooperative relationship in completing the required corrective action. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me, or have your staff contact Frank Schneider at (206) 615-2335 or via email at [frank.schneider@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:frank.schneider@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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