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November 3, 2009

Ms. Carol A. Herrmann-Steckel, MPH Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Post Office Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-004

Dear Ms. Herrmann-Steckel:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-004. This amendment designates the Express Lane (EL) Eligibility for redetermination of Medicaid recipients younger than age 19. Children who have been determined eligible for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program by the Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR) will qualify for continued Medicaid coverage.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has identified the ADHR as the EL Agency and will rely on findings from them when re-determining eligibility.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-004 was approved on November 2, 2009. The effective date for this amendment is October 1, 2009. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Cheryl Brimage at 404-562-7116 or Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

/s/

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