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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

May 9, 2013

Our Reference: SPA-AR-13-03

Dr. Andrew Allison State Medicaid Director Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services P.O. Box 1437 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Dr. Allison:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 13-03. Effective October 1, 2013, this State plan amendment adds Tonsillectomy episodes, Cholecystectomy episodes, Colonoscopy episodes and Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) episodes to its existing Episodes of Care (EOC) provider payment incentive program.

Transmittal Number 13-03 is approved with an effective date of October 1, 2013, as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 13-03 dated March 11, 2013 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Shuman at (214) 767-6479.

Sincerely,

For Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Enclosure