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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

September 30, 2013

Our Reference: SPA-AR-13-08

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 13-08. Effective January 1, 2014, this State plan amendment proposes to implement Connect Care under the authority of section 1932(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act). Under this authority, a state can amend its Medicaid state plan to require certain categories of Medicaid beneficiaries to enroll in managed care entities without being out of compliance with provisions of section 1902 of the Act on statewideness (42 CFR 431.50), freedom of choice (42 CFR 431.51) or comparability (42 CFR 440.230).

Transmittal Number 13-08 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014, as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 13-08 dated March 15, 2013 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure