

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
1600 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202-4967



Region VIII

June 4, 2013

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203-1818

RE: Colorado #13-004

Dear Ms. Birch:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-004. This SPA implements the Affordable Care Act's provision to raise payments for services furnished by certain primary care physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2013. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments; we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Allen'.

Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Suzanne Brennan
Pat Connally
Barb Prehmus
John Bartholomew
Max Salazar
Steven Sprouse