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Mr. Justin Senior
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RE: Florida Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal FL 13-013 1915(i)

Dear Mr. Senior:

We have reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) FL 13-013 for revisions to State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) benefit under 1915(i) of the Social Security Act (the Act). This SPA was initially submitted on August 30, 2013 with a stated purpose to allow the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), as the operating agency to contract with a quality improvement organization (QIO), modify the diagnostic criteria in the target group section due to recent revisions to the International Classification of Diseases and to update the number of unduplicated individuals to be served annually to include year's two through five.

Since the state has elected to target the population who can receive these Section 1915(i) State plan HCBS, CMS approves this SPA for a five-year period, in accordance with Section 1915(i)(7) of the Act. Florida will be able to renew this SPA for an additional five-year period if CMS determines, prior to the beginning of the renewal period, that the state met federal and state requirements and that the state's monitoring is in accordance with the quality improvement strategy specified in Florida's approved SPA.

As a reminder, upon publication of the final regulations for Section 1915(i) State plan HCBS, Florida would need to come into compliance with any requirements imposed by the final regulations not already met by the state.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve FL SPA 13-013 1915(i). This SPA was approved on October 25, 2013. The effective date of this amendment is September 11, 2013. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages.

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If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Etta Hawkins at (404) 562-7429.

Sincerely,

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