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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

August 16, 2011

Charles M. Palmer, Director
Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 East Walnut, 5th Floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0119

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On May 17, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #11-008, which implements the nursing facility preadmission screening and resident review (PASRR) specialized services and categorical determinations definitions. This SPA includes Attachment 4.39 and Attachment 4.39-A.

This SPA is approved as of August 15, 2011 with an effective date of September 1, 2011, as requested by the State.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa State plan.

I appreciate the significant amount of work that your staff dedicated to getting this SPA approved and the cooperative way in which we achieved this much-desired outcome. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me at (816)426-5925 or have your staff contact Rhonda Wells or Sharon Taggart at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

cc: Jennifer H. Vermeer