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Charles M. Palmer, Director
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

On November 22, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-026 through which the State is assuring compliance with Section 4107 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148, in providing tobacco cessation services for pregnant women.

Smoking cessation drug coverage was approved for pregnant women consistent with the Public Health Services guidelines on February 8, 2012 in SPA #11-025.

SPA #11-026 was approved on July 18, 2012, with an effective date of October 1, 2011, as requested by the State. This approval provides coverage for face-to-face tobacco cessation counseling services for pregnant women. This approval brings Iowa into total compliance with section 4107.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form and the approved pages for incorporation into the Iowa Medicaid State plan.

As discussed with your staff it will be necessary for Iowa to submit a separate State Plan Amendment to comply with section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act, freestanding birthing center services and provide evidence of public notice in accordance with 42 CFR 445.205 at the time of the submittal.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Sandra Levels at Sandra.Levels@cms.hhs.gov or (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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