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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

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March 12, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On December 28, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal #12-23, which establishes a new provider type for speech language pathologists in independent practice, group practice, and/or those enrolled in the Medicare program.

This SPA was approved on March 11, 2013 with an effective of December 1, 2012, as requested by the State. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved page 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. You may also have your staff contact Rhonda Wells, [Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov) or Sharon Taggart, [Sharon.Taggart@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sharon.Taggart@cms.hhs.gov) at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

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