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**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

July 02, 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 April 3, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Iowa's state plan amendment (SPA), transmittal #13-003 through which the state is attesting compliance with Section 2301 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148. This provision requires states that recognize freestanding birth centers to provide coverage and separate payments for freestanding birth center facility services and services rendered by certain professionals providing services in a freestanding birth center, to the extent the state licenses or otherwise recognizes such providers under state law. States were required to submit a state plan amendment indicating to what extent, if any, such services are provided in the state.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #13-003 as of July 2, 2013, with an effective date of April 1, 2013, 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 Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Narinder Singh at (816) 426-5925 or [Narinder.Singh@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Narinder.Singh@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Vermeer