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RE: Idaho State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-007

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-007. This SPA ensures that reimbursement to Medicaid providers for primary care procedure codes will not exceed 100 percent of the current (January 1, 2011) Medicare rates, and sets all other physician – related reimbursement rates at 90 percent of the January 1, 2011, Medicare rates.

During the review of Idaho SPA 11-007, CMS determined that multiple program-related pages that correspond to the financial-related pages submitted under this SPA require updating and/or revision to correctly describe the current operation of the State's Basic and Enhanced Benchmark Programs, or to comply with current CMS policy. Under separate cover, CMS will release a letter detailing those issues and provide guidance on timeframes for corrections.

This SPA is approved effective July 1, 2011, as requested by the State.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Tom Couch at (208) 334-9482 or email at Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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