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Julie Hamos, Director
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
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201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62763-0001

ATTN: Mary Doran and Beth Green

RE: TN 13-001

Dear Ms. Hamos:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment (SPA).

Transmittal #13-001- Approves Illinois' increase in Medicaid payments for primary care services furnished by eligible physicians at rates not less than the Medicare rate for calendar years 2013 and 2014.

--Effective Date: January 1, 2013

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Cathy Song at (312) 353-5184 or by email at Catherine.Song1@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Verlon Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Verlon Johnson
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Theresa Eagleson, HFS
Mary Doran, HFS
Beth Green, HFS