

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

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December 19, 2011

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Dear Ms. Bruffett:

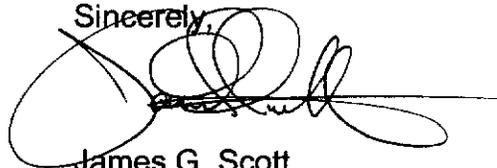
On September 27, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Kansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #11-12, to allow Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselors to be enrolled and reimbursed by Medicaid.

This SPA is approved as of December 16, 2011, with an effective date of July 1, 2011, as requested by the State.

Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved page for incorporation into the Kansas State plan.

CMS appreciates 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 or have your staff contact Rhonda Wells or Megan Buck at (816) 426-5925 or [Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,



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