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Kari Bruffett, Interim Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Bruffett:

On January 14, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Kansas state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal #13-04, regarding hospice. This state plan amendment updates changes in regulations. Section 2302 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was enacted on March 23, 2010, for the provision of Concurrent Care for Children. The Act allows children to continue to receive curative services for their terminal diagnosis, while still receiving hospice services. Children no longer must waive their rights to curative care to receive hospice care.

This SPA was approved on July 19, 2013 with an effective date of January 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 Kansas Medicaid 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 Rhonda Wells or Delia Jones-McHorgh at (816) 426-5925 or Rhonda.Wells@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

/s/

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