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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

June 25, 2013

Kari Bruffett, Director Kansas Department of Health and Environment Division of Health Care Finance Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson, Room 900N Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Ms. Bruffett:

On March 29, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Kansas's State Plan Amendment (SPA) transmittal #13-07, regarding a proposed change to the reimbursement methodology for Rural Health Centers (RHC). This change includes a new alternative methodology for calculating encounter rates effective March 15, 2013.

This SPA was approved on June 24, 2013, with an effective date of March 15, 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.

I appreciate 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 Kevin Slaven at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

/s/

James G. Scott Associate Regional Administrator for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

cc: Susan Mosier, MD