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Our Reference: SPA LA 11-35

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Attn: Keydra Singleton

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-35. This state plan amendment provides for supplemental payments to qualified small rural hospitals for Medicaid outpatient hospital services. To be qualified, a hospital must be privately-owned or operated and be affiliated with a State or local unit of government through a low-income and needy care collaboration agreement.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for the SPA. Pursuant to section 1902(a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006(e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State must evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 11-35 is approved with an effective date of October 20, 2011 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 11-35 dated November 29, 2011 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures