



**Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI**

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Our Reference: SPA LA 12-07

Mr. Don Gregory, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
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Attn: Keydra Singleton

Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 12-07. This state plan amendment carves out outpatient hospital services medical education payments from the prepaid risk-bearing managed care organizations (MCOs), so that the Medicaid agency can make these payments directly.

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 12-07 is approved with an effective date of February 10, 2012 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 12-07 dated February 16, 2012 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures