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Region VIII

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Mary Dalton, Medicaid & Health Services Manager
Montana Department of Health & Human Services
1400 Broadway
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Re: SPA MT-11-044

Dear Ms Dalton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-044. This SPA revises the Montana State Plan to assure compliance with the Affordable Care Act as described in 1905(a) (4) (d) of the Social Security Act, to assure tobacco cessation counseling services for pregnant women. Though the state has had a Tobacco Quit Line available to Medicaid clients, this new SPA expands services to pregnant women for smoking cessation to include face-to-face counseling as provided by practitioners described in 4.d Attachment 3.1-A, Page 2.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the CMS-179 (with State approved pen and ink changes) and the amended plan page(s). In addition, the State will soon receive a request for a companion SPA to address language requested by Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, Pharmacy Division, for inclusion in the Excluded Drug Section, Attachment 3.1-A, Item 12.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Diana Maiden at 303-844-7114.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Cc: Anna Whiting Sorrell; Duane Preshinger; Jo Thompson