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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina (NC) Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-039

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the NC Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 11-039 and received in the Atlanta Regional Office on August 9, 2011.

This amendment is required due to the State administrative decision to adjust the supplemental page for SFY 2012-2013 rates for extended services to Nurse Midwives, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Services (CRNA) and Anesthesiologist Assistant Services. The State Plan change is to adjust the state fiscal year (SFY) 2012 rates by a negative 2.67 percent to yield a 12 month 2 percent reduction in the 9 remaining months of this SFY. For SFY 2013, the rates will be adjusted such that they will equal 98 percent of the rate in effect July 1, 2011.

The payment methodology associated with NC 11-039 is currently being evaluated under State Plan NC 10-035B. NC 10-035B provides an upper payment limit (UPL) demonstration for clinic services through the health departments and is currently in off-the-clock status while NC prepares the demonstration.

Based on the information provided, Medicaid State Plan Amendment 11-039 was approved on November 2, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is November 1, 2011. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan page.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

Jackie Glaze
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Enclosures