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Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC 11-052

Dear Dr. Gray:

We reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 11-052 that was received in the Regional Office on September 27, 2011. The amendment proposes to add Freestanding Birthing Centers and certain licensed professionals to provide services in the centers as mandatory Medicaid services in accordance with the requirements of Section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act. The SPA also more clearly defines the reimbursement methodology associated with Freestanding Birthing Centers.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 11-052. This SPA was approved on January 20, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is October 6, 2011. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Elaine Elmore at (404) 562-7408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Glaze". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures