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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

December 27, 2012

Mr. Michael Watson  
Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
2501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2501

Attention: Teresa Smith

RE: North Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal # NC 12-007

Dear Mr. Watson:

We reviewed the proposed amendment, North Carolina Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) NC 12-007 that was received in the Regional Office on June 15, 2012. The amendment delegates the authority of the hearing and appeals process for beneficiary services and provider appeals to another state agency, the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Section 1.1 (c) waives the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, and Attachment 1.1-B describes the waiver requirements.

We understand the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance will retain oversight of the State plan and will establish a process to monitor the entire appeals process, including the quality and accuracy of the final decisions made by OAH.

Based on the information provided, we are now approving the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 12-007. This SPA was approved on December 27, 2012. The effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2012. 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,

/s/

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

Enclosures