

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

October 14, 2011

Vivianne Chaumont, Director
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Division of Medicaid & Long Term Care
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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On August 17, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska's State Plan Amendment (SPA), transmittal # 11-15, revising the State's Tribal consultation process. This SPA added language changing the current process of Tribal consulting on all proposed SPAs and waivers regardless of impact, to not providing Tribal consultation on SPAs that are purely technical in nature (i.e. pagination changes, renumbering of lists, etc.) and therefore; have no direct impact on the Tribes. This SPA also provided evidence of your continued process of informing and seeking input from all federally recognized Native American Tribes and Indian Health Programs within the State of Nebraska regarding all other SPAs and waivers, the overall Tribal consultation process and required timeframes, as well as, discussing any possible impact proposed SPAs might have on the Tribes.

Based on the information provided, this SPA is approved as of October 13, 2011, with an effective date of July 1, 2011 as requested by the State. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Nebraska State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Gail Brown Stevenson at (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James G. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James G. Scott
Associate Regional Administrator
for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosure

cc: Pat Taft
Sam Kaplan
Margaret Ahola