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Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director
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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

On September 28, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Nebraska's state plan amendment (SPA), transmittal #11-21 through which the State is attesting compliance with Section 2301 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), P.L. 111-148. This provision requires States that recognize freestanding birth centers to provide coverage and separate payments for freestanding birth center facility services and services rendered by certain professionals providing services in a freestanding birth center, to the extent the State licenses or otherwise recognizes such providers under State law.

Based upon the information received, we are now ready to approve SPA #11-21 as of April 2, 2012, with an effective date of February 14, 2012. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 form, as well as, the approved pages for incorporation into the Nebraska Medicaid State plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Sandra Levels at Sandra.Levels@cms.hhs.gov or (816) 426-5925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James G. Scott", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

Enclosure

cc: Margaret Brockman