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December 08, 2011

Valerie Harr, Director
Division of Medicaid Assistance and Health Services
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 712
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Ms. Harr:

The New Jersey State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-10, received in our office on September 23, 2011 has been approved. This SPA implements Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act to remove the prohibition on receiving curative treatment upon the election of the hospice benefit by or on behalf of a Medicaid or CHIP eligible child.

Please note the approval date of this SPA is December 8, 2011 and the effective date is July 1, 2011. Enclosed please find copy of the approved pages, along with the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana J. Balbuena at (212) 616-2410.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Melendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health