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Mr. Darin Gordon, Director
Bureau of TennCare
Department of Finance and Administration
310 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Tennessee Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-006

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Tennessee Medicaid State Plan that was submitted December 28, 2010 under transmittal number 10-006. This Amendment addresses the requirements regarding Estate Recovery per Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) by encouraging dual eligible beneficiaries to fully utilize Medicare cost-sharing benefits available through the Medicare Savings Program.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Tennessee Medicaid State Plan Amendment 10-006. The effective date for this amendment is October 1, 2010. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
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Enclosures