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February 3, 2012

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

Re: Tennessee Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #11-012

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have reviewed Tennessee State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-012, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on November 7, 2011. This amendment requested an exemption to the required three (3) year look-back period by the Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC). Due to Tennessee's Medicaid program being operated as a managed care delivery system and to allow the Managed Care Contractors time to complete their internal claims processing and program integrity operations, CMS approves an exemption with a five (5) year look-back period.

Based on the information provided, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment TN 11-012 was approved on February 3, 2012. The effective date of this SPA is November 15, 2011. The signed HCFA-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Kenni Howard at (404) 562-7413.

Sincerely,

Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures