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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH, REGION VI

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Our Reference: SPA TX 11-054

Mr. Billy Millwee
Deputy Executive Commissioner for Health Services
Health and Human Services Commission
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Dear Mr. Millwee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-054, dated September 30, 2011. This state plan amendment defines the Level II evaluation provided to all individuals suspected of having mental illness or an intellectual developmental disability seeking admission to a Medicaid certified nursing facility under the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program. This state plan amendment also identifies specialized services that will be available when determined to be needed through the PASRR evaluation process. The State has indicated that it will submit a state plan amendment for the reimbursement methodology under the nursing facility rate in the future.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of February 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Emily Zalkovsky, Policy Development Support

