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**Region VIII**

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W. David Patton, Ph.D.  
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RE: Utah #13-002

Dear Dr. Patton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-002. This SPA implements the Affordable Care Act's provision to raise payments for services furnished by certain primary care physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2013. We will send the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s) to you in a separate email tomorrow.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments; we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Rebecca Burch Mack at (303) 844-7355.

Sincerely,

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Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Divisions of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Michael Hales, Medicaid Director, UT  
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