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October 2, 2009

Ms. Carol A. Herrmann-Steckel, MPH Commissioner Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Post Office Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

Re: Alabama Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-003

Dear Ms. Herrmann-Steckel:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Alabama Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-003. This amendment explains the State's methodology for determining cost effectiveness that is used with the State's Health Insurance Premium Payment Program.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-003 was approved on September 29, 2009. The effective date for this amendment is August 1, 2009. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Cheryl Brimage at (404) 562-7116 or Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA. Acting Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures