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Dr. Jerry Dubberly, MBA, Chief
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RE: Georgia Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-002

Dear Dr. Dubberly:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Georgia State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-002. This amendment establishes reasonable limitations on amounts for necessary medical or remedial care deductions not covered by Medicaid. Effective April 1, 2009, institutional long-term care medical expenses incurred more than three months prior to the month of application for Medicaid are disallowed as a deduction. Institutional long-term care medical expenses incurred within three months prior to the month of application may be allowed as a deduction at an amount equal to the Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-002 was approved on August 10, 2009. The effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2009. We are enclosing the approved CMS Form 179 and approved Plan Pages.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Trina Roberts at (404) 562-7418.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure