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September 25, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth A. Johnson Commissioner Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department of Medicaid Services 275 East Main Street, 6W-A Frankfort, Kentucky 40621-0001

Attention: Kevin Skeeters

RE: Kentucky Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-005

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Kentucky Medicaid State Plan that was submitted under transmittal number 09-005. This amendment allows for a disregard when an annual Social Security and Railroad Retirement COLAs and Federal Poverty Level COLA adjustments cause ineligibility for Medicaid. The disregard is for eligibility groups subject to Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) and 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii). This disregard continues until the individual loses Medicaid coverage for any other reason for three (3) consecutive months.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State Plan Amendment 09-005 was approved on September 24, 2009. The effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2009. We are also enclosing the approved HCFA-179 and plan page.

If you have any questions or need any further assistance, please contact Maria Donatto at 404-562-3697 or Darlene Noonan at 404-562-2707.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosures