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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Division of Medicaid & Children's Health, Region VI**

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Our Reference: SPA TX 08-036

Mr. Chris Traylor  
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP  
Health and Human Services Commission  
Post Office Box 13247  
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Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Traylor:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 08-036. The amendment centralizes consumer-directed services (CDS) in one place in the Texas State plan and allows beneficiaries to self-direct their personal assistance services pursuant to section 1915(j) of the Social Security Act. The SPA complies with the requirements of the section 1915(j) final rule titled, "Medicaid Program; Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services Program State Plan Option (Cash and Counseling)(CMS-2229-F)", published in the October 3, 2008 Federal Register (73 Fed.Reg.57854).

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of November 3, 2008. A copy of the CMS-179 and approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford J. Blunt at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Tamela Griffin, Policy Development Support