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Our Reference: SPA TX 08-036

Mr. Chris Traylor
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid & CHIP
Health and Human Services Commission
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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