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Our Reference: SPA TX 09-006

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 09-006. The purpose of this plan amendment is to clarify coverage for telemedicine services in the Texas Medicaid State Plan by expanding care provided via telemedicine for physician services. The existing reimbursement methodology for Physicians and Other Practitioners applies to these services and includes reimbursement of physician services and a facility fee payable to the patient site location.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of April 1, 2009. 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