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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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October 24, 2011

Our Reference: SPA TX 11-034

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

Dear Mr. Millwee:

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to the Texas State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 11-034, dated July 26, 2011. This state plan amendment revises the reimbursement for hospice providers to 95% of the room and board rate for recipients residing in nursing facilities or intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official Texas State Plan with an effective date change of September 1, 2011. A copy of the CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at (214) 767-6278.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Emily Zalkovsky, Policy Development Support