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September 29, 2009

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #09-006

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-006, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on June 29, 2009. This amendment removes the State option to provide benchmark benefit packages to beneficiaries.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 09-006 was approved on September 24, 2009. The effective date is April 1, 2009. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan page are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tandra Hodges at (404) 562-7409.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
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Enclosures