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Ms. Julie Weinberg, Acting Division Director
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State of New Mexico
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Dear Ms. Weinberg:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 09-09. This state plan amendment changes the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services. The State will implement a Prospective Outpatient Hospital System (OPPS) model using 100 percent of the Medicare standard rate.

In the future, when the State submits a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that may impact Indians or Indian health providers, CMS will look for evidence of the State's tribal consultation process for that SPA. Pursuant to section 1902 (a) (73) of the Act added by section 5006 (e) of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the State must submit evidence to CMS regarding the solicitation of advice prior to submission of the SPA. This consultation must include all federally recognized tribes, Indian Health Service and Urban Indian Organizations within the state.

Transmittal Number 09-09 is approved with an effective date of November 1, 2010 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 09-09 dated December 30, 2009 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzette Seng at (214) 767-6478.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures