DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Region 10
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Karl Kurtz, Director
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
PO Box 83720
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment #06-003

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

On April 26, 2006, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare submitted a state plan amendment, transmittal #06-003, to establish an enhanced alternative benefit package for individuals with disabilities, including elders, or special health needs under section 6044 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The State has given assurances that this coverage will be provided in accordance with economy and efficiency principles, and also that the State will continue to comply with all other provisions of the Social Security Act in the administration of the State plan.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved this amendment for the purposes of federal financial participation effective July 1, 2006. Approval of this state plan amendment is limited to the scope of the submitted benefit provision and does not constitute approval of any change in reimbursement methodologies, new reimbursement methodologies, or change in the sources of non-Federal share funding utilized by the State to make such Medicaid payments.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please contact Karen S. O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health, at 206-615-2330 or at Karen.Oconnor@cms.hhs.gov, or you may contact Gary Jackson, Health Insurance Specialist, at 410-786-1218, or at Gary.Jackson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen S. O'Connor
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cc: David Rogers, Administrator
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare