December 14, 2012

Mr. Anthony E. Keck, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #12-018

Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed South Carolina’s State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-018, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on August 28, 2012. South Carolina submitted this amendment to extend the sunset date for Special Needs Transportation from June 30, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

Based on the information provided, the South Carolina SPA 12-018 was approved on December 12, 2012. The effective date is July 1, 2012. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan page are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Yvette Moore at (404) 562-7327.

Sincerely,

Jackie Glaze
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health Operations

Enclosures
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN  ☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN  ☑ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
42 CFR Subpart C

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY $b. FFY $

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19-B, page 6h.3

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
Attachment 4.19-B, page 6h.3

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
Extension of the sunset language as it relates to Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Reimbursement.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):
☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  ☑ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  ☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:
Anthony E. Keck

14. TITLE:
Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
September 28, 2012

16. RETURN TO:
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:
09/28/12

18. DATE APPROVED:
12/12/12

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
07/01/12

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:
Jackie Glaze

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children Health Ops

23. REMARKS:
Approved with the following changes to item 7 as authorized by State Agency e-mail dated 11/27/12:
Blocked #7 changed to read: FFY 2012= $0
SNT allowable cost route rate is multiplied by the units of service to determine allowable reimbursement for SNT services for the year. This amount is then compared to accumulated interim payments for a determination of over or underpayment for SNT services. Once the determination of (over)/under payment has been made as part of the annual desk review process, a letter informing the staff at SDE of cost settlement results is released. Coincident with the letter release is the release of either a credit adjustment to pay SDE for any underpayment due or the establishment of a DHHS receivable in order to collect any overpayment made to the provider. The Special Needs Transportation reimbursement methodology described above will end effective September 30, 2012.

Other Types of Transport Services (Non-Brokered):

Targeted Populations: Other types of transports are provided to targeted Medicaid populations to Medicaid covered services. These services are provided to Medicaid children who may require non-parental escort to Medicaid services. These services are provided by:

1) State agencies,
2) Local Education agencies (LEAs).

The mode of transportation for services provided by the Local Education Agencies is either school buses or mini-vans. In the instances of LEAs utilizing school buses, these buses transport groups of Medicaid eligible children from home or district schools to covered Medicaid services provided by the district (i.e. Rehabilitative behavioral health services.) These buses are not specially modified buses for the physically handicapped (i.e. Special Needs Transportation).

Annually, all providers of NET services submit for approval budgets for their upcoming rate cycles. Rates are determined on a per passenger mile basis. Provider budgets, completed on the SCDHHS preprint budget, are comprised of:

State Agency and School District Providers:

1. Direct costs: Salaries and fringe benefits of drivers and escorts, vehicle fuel, repairs and maintenance. Also, insurance, taxes, licenses and registration, and/or any associated vehicle leases.