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June 6, 2016

Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64983
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #16-0005 --Revises Medical Assistance coverage of acupuncture services to expand coverage beyond the treatment of chronic pain to include all conditions for which the state determines acupuncture is medically necessary.

--Effective Date: February 1, 2016

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ruth A. Hughes
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, MDHS
Sean Barrett, MDHS

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