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Center for Medicaid and State Operations

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Dear State Medicaid Director:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a Medicaid State Plan amendment (SPA) preprint that States may use to comply with the requirements of sections 1936 and 1902(a)(69) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (section 6034 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA)).

Section 6034 of the DRA established the Medicaid Integrity Program in section 1936 of the Act and identified certain of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) responsibilities for carrying out the activities of the program, including contracting with entities that will audit provider claims and identify overpayments, and providing effective support and assistance to the States to combat provider fraud and abuse. This provision also established section 1902(a)(69) of the Act entitled, "State Requirement to Cooperate with Integrity Program Efforts." Section 1902(a)(69) of the Act requires that the Medicaid State plan "provide that the State must comply with any requirements determined by the Secretary to be necessary for carrying out the Medicaid Integrity Program established under section 1936."

To assist States, we have attached a preprint that may be used when submitting a SPA to implement this provision. Both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the SPA must be submitted simultaneously to the CMS Central Office and to the regional office serving your State. The provisions of section 1902(a)(69) of the Act must be implemented immediately.

If you have any questions on this guidance, please direct them in writing to Ms. Claudia Simonson, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Medicaid Integrity Group, Division of Field Operations, 233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60601 or claudia.simonson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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