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November 3, 2017

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 #17-0020 --Technical corrections to community emergency medical technician services.

--Effective Date: July 1, 2017

--Approval Date: November 3, 2017

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

Approved: 11/3/17

Supersedes: 16-09 (12-16, 09-24, 08-16, 07-08, 06-02, 03-35, 01-21)

5.a. Physicians' services (continued):

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