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Dear Ms. Nagle:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is requesting that its response to the Request for Additional Information for California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-020 submitted on April 18, 2012, be withdrawn. In accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14105.08, SPA 10-020 limits reimbursement rates for radiology services to 80 percent of the lowest maximum allowance established by the federal Medicare program for the same or similar services.

DHCS submitted SPA 10-020 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 22, 2010. CMS replied with informal comments on January 20, 2011, to which DHCS responded on February 24, 2011. CMS issued a formal RAI on March 4, 2011, to which DHCS responded on April 18, 2012. CMS issued additional questions and made comments on DHCS's responses to the RAI on May 16, 2012. DHCS submitted a partial response on June 6, 2012. Due to the complexity of the additional questions and comments, DHCS needs additional time to provide comprehensive responses. We understand this request will stop the 90-day clock.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Mr. John Mendoza, Chief (Acting), Fee-For-Service Rates Division at (916) 552-9639, or by e-mail at John.Mendoza@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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