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**STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 12-001A and 12-001B**

Dear Ms. Nagle,

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is requesting that the portion of its response to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) for State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-001 submitted on August 7, 2012, relevant to SPA 12-001B be withdrawn.

Due to the complexity of the additional questions and comments regarding the emergency air medical transportation rate augmentation methodology described in SPA 12-001B, DHCS requires additional time to provide comprehensive responses. We understand this request will stop the 90-day clock for SPA 12-001B. DHCS intends to move forward with approval of SPA 12-001A.

DHCS initially submitted SPA 12-001 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on February 15, 2012 to implement a new reimbursement methodology for emergency air medical transportation services. CMS issued a formal RAI on May 15, 2012 and DHCS responded on August 7, 2012. In the response to the RAI, DHCS requested that SPA 12-001 be split into two SPAs: SPA 12-001A which describes the Supplemental Payment Methodology and SPA 12-001B which describes the Rate Augmentation Methodology.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Toby Douglas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Toby Douglas  
Director