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Jennifer Sheer  
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Dear Ms. Sheer:

In my capacity as Massachusetts Medicaid Director, I am submitting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval the enclosed amendment to the Massachusetts 1115 Demonstration Project (11-W-00030/1).

The Massachusetts State budget, FY 2013 General Appropriation Act, Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012, included a provision requiring covered services in the MassHealth Basic and MassHealth Essential programs to include hospice services. Therefore, the Commonwealth requests an amendment of the special terms and conditions (STCs) of the section 1115 Demonstration, entitled MassHealth (11-W-00030/1) to add hospice as a covered service for individuals in the MassHealth Demonstration expansion populations of Basic and Essential.

The Commonwealth seeks approval of this Demonstration amendment as soon as possible. The expected implementation date of this amendment, subject to CMS approval, is March 14, 2013.

If you have any questions about this amendment request, please contact Robin Callahan, Deputy Medicaid Director for Policy and Programs at [robin.callahan@state.ma.us](mailto:robin.callahan@state.ma.us).

Sincerely,

/s/

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