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Dear Mr. Puleasi:

I am writing to inform you that American Samoa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 11-001 has been approved. This SPA was submitted to my office on July 18, 2011, and prohibits Medicaid payments to institutions and entities located outside of the United States in accordance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act. The approval is effective July 1, 2011 as requested.

Attached are copies of the new State Plan pages to be incorporated within your approved State plan:

- Section 4.44, Medicaid Prohibition on Payments to Institutions or Entities Located Outside of the United States

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Schenck at (415) 744-3589, or tom.schenck@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Gloria Nagle, Ph.D., MPA
Associate Regional Administrator

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cc: Mary Rydell, CMS Pacific Area Representative