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Tom Betlach, Director
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Dear Mr. Betlach:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 10-008, which prohibits the estate recovery of Medicare cost sharing benefits for dual eligible beneficiaries age 55 and over in compliance with Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). This SPA is effective July 1, 2010. Arizona submitted documentation to CMS in order to demonstrate its compliance with this provision effective January 1, 2010. Based on a review of this documentation, it appears that Arizona has made a good-faith effort to comply with the estate recovery provision for dates of service on or after January 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young by phone at (415) 744-3598 or by email at Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Nagle", is positioned above the printed name.

Gloria Nagle, Ph.D., MPA

Associate Regional Administrator

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cc: Michele Bowser, CMS Center for Medicaid and State Operations (two copies)
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