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Dear Mr. Douglas:

This letter serves as a follow up to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' letter dated March 16, 2011 approving California State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 10-018. This SPA establishes the State's tribal consultation policy.

In consultation with Kathryn Waje of your staff, we have determined that changes in page numbering are necessary in order to correctly incorporate these new pages into the State Plan. The corrected page numbers are attached. Please use these pages (Section 1.4, pages 9, 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3) when incorporating this SPA into the State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Curran at (415) 744-3579 or at kristin.curran@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Douglas:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 10-018, which establishes the State's tribal consultation policy. This SPA implements Section 5006(e) of the Recovery Act, which mandates that States consult with Tribes and designees of Indian health programs on State plan amendments, waiver requests, or proposals for a demonstration project that are likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian health programs, or urban Indian organizations. The SPA is effective October 1, 2010.

As the State continues to work with the Tribes, Indian Health programs and Urban Indian organizations to strengthen the relationships, we recommend that the State work with the Tribes, Indian Health programs and Urban Indian organizations to clarify the process for initiating the consultation process when issues and/or concerns are raised. We also recommend that the State work with the Tribes, Indian Health programs and Urban Indian organizations to clarify the process for working through conflicts as they are raised through the consultation process.

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