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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office

June 21, 2010

Michael P. Starkowski, Commissioner Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Starkowski:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 10-009, submitted to my office on April 6, 2010. This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to Connecticut's approved Title XIX State Plan to expand the State's Medicaid Program under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), \$1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act.

The State has referred to this new population as Medicaid Low-Income Adults (MLIA). This new population will encompass the State's current State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA) group and a few more individuals who would otherwise not qualify under SAGA due to the asset test that is being eliminated under MLIA. It is our understanding that as of the end of April, there were approximately 45,000 individuals who will become eligible for Medicaid under this expansion.

This SPA has been approved effective April 1, 2010, as requested by the State.

Changes are reflected in the following sections of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 2.2-A, pages 9b3-9b4;
- Attachment 3.1-C, pages 2-11; and
- Attachment 3.1-D(3), page 3

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Julie McCarthy (617) 565-1244 or by e-mail at <u>Julie.McCarthy@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Mark Schaefer, Director, Medical Care Administration Enclosures