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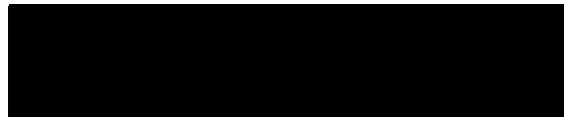
JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
One Ashburton Place, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Dr. Bigby:

We have reviewed Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 09-005, received in the Boston Regional Office on March 31, 2009. This amendment clarifies that hearing instrument specialist services are provided as other licensed practitioner services pursuant to 42 CFR 440.60 and updates the State plan to reflect the State's new hearing aid replacement policy. Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Massachusetts SPA 09-005 is approved, effective March 15, 2009. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation in the Massachusetts Medicaid State Plan.

Please contact Aaron Wesolowski of my staff if you have any question. Aaron Wesolowski can be reached at 617-565-1325 or by email at [aaron.wesolowski@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:aaron.wesolowski@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure