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Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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John G. Folkemer Deputy Secretary Health Care Financing MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 201 West Preston Street, Suite 525 Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Folkemer:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 10-08. This SPA extends Medicaid to independent foster care adolescents, in accordance with State legislation, to provide for individuals who were in foster care under the responsibility of the State on their 18th birthday and have not reached the age of 21.

The effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2010. The signed CMS Form 179 and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed.

If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Rosemary Feild at 215-861-4278.

Sincerely,

Ted Gallagher

Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Lorie Mayorga Lisa Fassett