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Susan J. Tucker
Acting Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Suite 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Ms. Tucker:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 10-14. This SPA, in accordance with Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), exempts from the Medicaid estate recovery process the Medicare cost-sharing benefits paid by the Medicaid program under the Medicare Savings Program for categories of Medicare and Medicaid dual eligibles aged 55 and older, with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Debbie Ruppert – MD DHMH
Rebecca Hyman – MD DHMH