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December 21, 2010

Brenda M. Harvey, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Human Services  
11 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

Dear Commissioner Harvey:

We are now ready to approve State plan amendment (SPA) No. 10-011; attached you will find an approved copy of the SPA. This SPA is effective September 1, 2010 as requested.

This SPA transmitted an amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to assure comparability amount, scope and duration of services made available to categorically and medically needy populations in the State plan. This amendment clarifies that all services provided for medically needy groups are identical in amount, duration, and scope as those for categorically needy groups.

We reviewed this SPA for compliance with §1902(a)(73) of the Act as added by §5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5. We determined that this SPA would benefit all Medicaid beneficiaries and providers including members of federally recognized tribes and Indian Health Services contract health services providers. We ask that your Department inform the federally recognized tribes in your state of the changes brought forth by the Recovery Act and this SPA.

If there are questions, please contact Kathryn Holt at 617/565-1246 or via email at [kathryn.holt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:kathryn.holt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s

Richard R. McGreal  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Tony Marple, Director, Office of MaineCare Services