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

June 11, 2013

Mary Mayhew, Commissioner Department of Health and Human Services 11 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

RE: Maine 13-001

Dear Commissioner Mayhew:

We are now ready to approve State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 13-001; attached you will find an approved copy of the SPA. As requested, this SPA is effective January 1, 2013.

This SPA amends the State's approved Title XIX State Plan to assure compliance with Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and 42 CFR Parts 438, 441, and 447. As amended, the State Plan now provides an increase to certain primary care service payments.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important ACA provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payment, we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA, please contact Kathryn Holt, Maine State Lead, at 617/565-1246, or at kathryn.holt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Stefanie Nadeau, Director, Office of Maine Care Services