

Region VIII

December 1, 2010

Mary Dalton, Medicaid & Health Services Manager Montana Department of Health & Human Services 1400 Broadway PO Box 202951 Helena, MT 59620

Re: SPA MT-10-034

Dear Ms Dalton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-034. This SPA indicates that the State will comply with PERM review regulations and will substitute PERM reviews for traditional MEQC activity once in three years, beginning in 2010.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective October 1, 2010. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Diana Maiden at 303-844-7114.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard C. Allen Associate Regional Administrator Division for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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