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Region VIII

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Maggie Anderson, Medicaid Director
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North Dakota Department of Human Services
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RE: North Dakota #10-003

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-008. This amendment updates the Medicaid Estate Recovery section of the North Dakota State Plan in order to implement changes in Estate Recovery provisions made by section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA) of 2008. More specifically, the amendment exempts from estate recovery all Medicare Savings Program benefits.

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

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Sophia Hinojosa at (303) 844-7129.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

CC: Mary Lou Thompson