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

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Nicholas A. Toumpas  
Commissioner  
Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Commissioner Toumpas:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved New Hampshire State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 12-006 with an effective date of September 1, 2012 as requested by your Agency.

This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to the State's approved Title XIX State Plan authorizing the implementation of a statewide managed care delivery system.

Changes are reflected in the following section of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 3.17-F, pages 1-17

CMS requests that the State submit to CMS a monthly implementation status report beginning October 1, 2012, and each subsequent month, until the managed care program is fully implemented. These monthly reports should include the status of each health plan's network, the readiness of the MMIS system to send eligibility to plans and receive encounter data, and the State's readiness to manage the health plans. Additionally, CMS requests a copy of the readiness tool that the State is using to determine health plan and state readiness.

We are currently reviewing the managed care contracts and rates associated with this SPA, and will discuss our questions about those documents during our August 27, 2012 meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Angel L. Miller at (617) 565-1324 or by e-mail at [Angel.Miller@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Angel.Miller@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures

cc: Katie Dunn, State Medicaid Director