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Mr. Gary D. Alexander  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Dear Acting Secretary Alexander:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-014, which prohibits the estate recovery of Medicare cost sharing benefits for dually eligible beneficiaries age 55 and over, in compliance with Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). This estate recovery protection only affects dually eligible Medical Assistance recipients who are in the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), are age 55 and over, and received nursing home, home and community-based services and related hospital and prescription drug services for dates of service on or after January 1, 2010. Enclosed is a copy of the approved SPA pages and the signed CMS-179 form. The effective date of this amendment is October 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Harry Mirach at (215) 861-4284 or Kia Banton at (215) 861-4252.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "G" at the end.

Ted Gallagher  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Carole Procope, DPW, Division of Third Party Liability