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

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Steven M. Costantino, Secretary Office of Health & Human Services 57 Howard Avenue Louis Pasteur Building Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Secretary Costantino:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 12-003. This SPA is effective January 1, 2012 as requested.

SPA 12-003 transmitted a proposed amendment to your Department's approved Title XIX State plan to increase the amount of allowable home equity interest for individuals seeking Medicaid eligibility for nursing facility services or other long-term care services.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz. He can be reached at (617) 565-1257.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Sandra Powell, Director, Department of Human Services Elena Nicolella, Medicaid Director Kimberly Merolla-Brito, Chief Policy and Systems Specialist