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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. 13-004. This SPA is effective January 1, 2013, as requested.

Approved SPA 13-004 amends RI's Medicaid State Plan to reflect compliance with Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act. This amendment adjusts the fees paid for selected services provided by certain primary care physicians and for vaccine administration under the Vaccines for Children Program to equate to 100% of Medicare rates for calendar years 2013 and 2014.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate it, if you would inform us when you begin to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent that you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

If there are any questions, please contact Lynn DelVecchio at (617) 565-1201 or Lynn.DelVecchio@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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