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March 4, 2011

Paul Ritzma
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Dear Mr. Ritzma:

We have completed our review of the Virgin Islands State Plan Amendment submittal 10-01, "Request for Exception from the Recovery Audit Contractor Program (Section 1902(a)(42)(B)(i)" and find it acceptable for incorporation into the Medicaid State Plan with an effective date of December 31, 2010. Enclosed please find copies of the approved pages for State Plan Amendment 10-01 and a signed CMS-179 Form.

Please note that as agreed we have replaced the originally submitted SPA cover letter with the revised cover letter that the Virgin Islands transmitted to our office via e-mail on February 25, 2011.

If you have any questions or which to discuss this further, please contact Dominique Mathurin at 212-616-2422.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Melendez, LMSW Acting Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Enclosures: SPA #10-01 HCFA-179 Form