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Robert D. Hofmann, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
103 South Main Street
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Dear Mr. Hofmann:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 10-002. This SPA is effective September 30, 2010.

SPA 10-002 transmitted a proposed amendment to your Agency's approved Title XIX State plan to implement an asset verification system (AVS). Title VII, §7001(d) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110-252, added a new §1940 to the Social Security Act (the Act). This section requires all States to implement a system for verifying the assets of aged, blind or disabled applicants for and recipients of Medicaid. Under §1940 of the Act, each State is required to amend its State plan to verify assets of aged, blind or disabled Medicaid applicants and recipients, using a system that is consistent with the approach taken by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in their Supplemental Security Income asset verification pilot project.

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, hereafter referred to as the Secretary, is required to phase in the requirement starting with the States in which SSA's pilot project is operating; i.e., New York, New Jersey, and California. These States are required to implement an AVS by the end of Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2009 (September 30, 2009). The Secretary is further directed to require all other States to implement an AVS in a manner that results in the following percentages of aged, blind and disabled applicants being subject to asset verification:

- 12.5 percent by the end of FFY 2009,
- 25 percent by the end of FFY 2010,
- 50 percent by the end of FFY 2011,
- 75 percent by the end of FY 2012, and
- 100 percent by the end of FY 2013

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To meet the goal of 25 percent by the end of FFY 2010, Vermont was among nine States that were chosen to implement an AVS by September 30, 2010.

Please note that we approved this SPA as revised. Per agreement with your staff, we revised the proposed effective date in box 4 of the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179) to September 30, 2010.

If there are questions, please contact Chong Tieng. He can be reached at (617) 565-9157.

Sincerely,

/s/

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