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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. 10-003. This SPA is effective July 1, 2010 as requested.

SPA 10-003 transmitted a proposed amendment to your Agency's approved Title XIX State plan to (1) impose prior authorization requirements on high tech imaging, (2) limit the number of urine testing on a monthly basis; and (3) set limits and prior authorization requirements for physical, occupational and speech therapy services.

Please note that we are approving this SPA as revised. You revised Attachment 3.1-A, page 1b to align the definition of emergency care with the Federal Medicaid definition at 42 CFR 447.53(b)(4) and to indicate that rehabilitative services are provided by providers meeting the provider qualification requirements at 42 CFR 440.110. You also removed references to (1) age groups and (2) the diagnosis, type of illness or condition where prior authorization is permitted in describing rehabilitative services. In Attachment 3.1-A, page 1d, you removed references to age groups when describing the limitations for urine drug testing. You also revised Attachment 3.1-A, page 4e to (1) remove the reference to age groups, (2) eliminate the reference to the diagnosis, type of illness or condition, and (3) indicate that the therapy providers must meet the provider qualification requirements described at 42 CFR 440.110(c). Finally, in Attachment 4.19-B, page 2a(2), you revised the reimbursement description for other laboratory and x-ray services to add the fee schedule language.

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

Sincerely,

-s-

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Enclosure

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