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Robert D. Hofmann, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Hofmann:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 10-004. This SPA is effective January 1, 2010 as requested.

This SPA transmitted an amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to comply with the requirements of §112 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, (P.L. 110-275). This provision requires States to increase the resource exemptions for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) and Qualified Individuals (QI) to three times the resource limits of the Supplemental Security Income program. Prior to MIPPA, the resource exemption was twice the SSI limit.

We are approving this SPA as revised. As agreed to by your staff, we revised item 25 of page 9b to Attachment 2.2-A to indicate that the resource standard for QMBs is three times the maximum standard under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. We also revised item 27b of page 9b1 to "Whose income is greater than 100 percent but less than 120 percent of the Federal poverty level." Further, we added a section to indicate the resource exclusion for QIs. Under item 8 on page 22 to Attachment 2.6-A, we added QIs to the title and changed the resource standard to three times that of SSI. We revised boxes 8 and 9 on the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179) to indicate the appropriate page numbers of the plan section or attachment and the page numbers of the superseded plan section or attachment, respectively. Finally, we revised box 10 to clarify the subject of the amendment.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure