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December 7, 2009

Robert D. Hofmann, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0204

Dear Mr. Hoffmann:

On December 2, 2009, our Central Office sent you a letter approving your proposed State plan amendment (SPA) No. 09-009. The SPA is effective July 15, 2009 as requested. This letter transmits the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179) and the approved State plan page.

SPA 09-007 transmitted a proposed amendment to your Agency's approved Title XIX State plan to revise the maximum prescription fill quantities from 60-day supply to 90-day supply for continued regular use drugs. The SPA also requires a 90-day supply for maintenance drugs after the first prescription.

Please note that we approved this SPA as revised. As you agreed to in your response to our informal questions, we checked the Amendment box in Box 5 of the CMS-179. We also revised Box 6 to add the appropriate statutory/regulatory citations. Further, we revised Box 7 to indicate the correct Federal budget impact. Finally, we revised Box 15 to indicate the date that this SPA was submitted.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

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Attention: Keri Andersen

Dear Secretary Hofmann:

We have reviewed Vermont's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-09 received in the Boston Regional Office on September 21, 2009 and we are pleased to inform you that it is approved, effective July 15, 2009. Under this amendment, the State of Vermont revises the Medicaid outpatient prescription fill quantities of 30- and 60-day supply to 30- and 90-day supply for maintenance and continued regular use drugs. This amendment provides safeguards to assure that Medicaid beneficiaries will continue to have access to appropriate drugs.

The Boston Regional Office will forward to you a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Vermont Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Gail Sexton at (410) 786-4583.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Richard McGreal, ARA, Boston Regional Office
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