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William Hogan, Commissioner  
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**RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-004**

Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-004. This amendment exempts Medicare cost-sharing benefits paid under the Medicare Savings Program from estate recovery under section 1917(b)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act and in compliance with section 115 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).

The change is reflected in the Beginning to Administration, Part I, Section 4.17, pages 53a and 53a-1.

This SPA is approved effective April 1, 2010.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or [maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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