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Thomas Betlach, Director
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Dear Mr. Betlach:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 11-003. This SPA assures compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010, which amended section 1902(a)(80) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to require that a State shall not provide any payments for items or services provided under the State plan or under a waiver to any financial institution or entity located outside of the United States. The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at (415) 744-3598 or Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Gloria Nagle, Ph.D., MPA
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