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Dear Mr. Douglas:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State plan amendment (SPA) No. 09-012, effective July 1, 2009. This SPA implements a new coverage group for individuals who would otherwise qualify for Medi-Cal benefits as Disabled Widow(er)s or Early Disabled Widow(er)s through the use of more liberal income disregards under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act. This SPA adds page 9c4 to Attachment 2.2A and page 13 to Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6A of the State plan.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Baldi at (415) 744-3656.

Sincerely,

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