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Dear Mr. Douglas:

Enclosed is an approved copy of California State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 10-009, which prohibits the estate recovery of Medicare cost sharing benefits for dual eligible beneficiaries age 55 and over. This SPA is effective October 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Curran at (415) 744-3579 or at kristin.curran@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Gloria Nagle, Ph.D., M.P.A.

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