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Dear Dr. Elam:

We have reviewed your State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-04, Estate Recovery, and have approved the amendment. This SPA, in accordance with Section 115 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), exempts from the Medicare estate recovery process the Medicare cost-sharing benefits paid by the Medicaid program under the Medicare Savings Program for categories of dual eligible individuals aged 55 and older, with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010. The effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2011. The signed CMS-form 179 and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Williamson of my staff at (215) 861-4721. You can also e-mail her at barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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