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Dear Dr. Elam:

We have reviewed your State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-06 entitled Prohibition on Payments to Institutions or Entities Located Outside of the United States. This SPA was submitted to bring the District of Columbia Medicaid Program into compliance with the Affordable Care Act of 2010, Section 6505. This State Plan Amendment prohibits payments for items or services provided under the Medicaid State Plan or under a Medicaid waiver to any financial institution or entity located outside of the United States.

We have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 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](mailto:barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Francis McCullough  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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