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JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
1 Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Dr. Bigby:

We have reviewed Massachusetts' State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 09-009, received in the Boston Regional Office on September 30, 2009. This amendment implements the new option created by section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 that permits States to extend federally-funded health insurance coverage to certain special status immigrant pregnant women and children. Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Massachusetts SPA 09-009 is approved, effective August 29, 2009. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation in the Massachusetts Medicaid State Plan. The Remarks section of the CMS-179 indicates the changes that were mutually agreed to during the processing of this SPA.

Please contact Aaron Wesolowski of my staff if you have any question. Aaron Wesolowski can be reached at 617-565-1325 or by email at aaron.wesolowski@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Terry Dougherty, Medicaid Director
Michael Coleman, State Plan Coordinator