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JudyAnn Bigby, M.D.
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor
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Dear Dr. Bigby:

On September 30, 2009, your office submitted proposed Massachusetts State plan amendment (SPA) No. 09-010 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for review. The purpose of this amendment was to revise the reimbursement methodology for prescribed drugs. During the course of the review, staff from your office made additional changes to the State plan language for non-emergency medical transportation and hospice services. CMS subsequently raised concerns with the prescribed drugs content of the SPA. On May 12, 2010, Massachusetts submitted a letter bifurcating 09-010 into two separate SPAs: 09-010(A) containing the non-emergency medical transportation and hospice services related pages; and 09-010(B) containing pages related to all other affected services, including prescribed drugs.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Massachusetts SPA 09-010(A) is approved, effective July 1, 2009. CMS is now reviewing 09-010(B) separately and working with your staff to address any remaining issues. 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