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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. 10-001, received in the Boston Regional Office on March 31, 2010. This amendment complies with Section 112 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (the "Act"), which amended section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Act to make the resource limit for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) and Qualified Individuals (QIs) conform to the resource limit for individuals who qualify for the full subsidy Medicare Part D low income subsidy. Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Massachusetts SPA 010-001 is approved, effective January 1, 2010. 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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