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

Dear Dr. Bigby:

We have reviewed Massachusetts' State Plan Amendment ("SPA") No. 11-018, received in the Boston Regional Office on December 21, 2011. This SPA adds an additional entity, Native American Lifelines of Boston, into the ongoing process by which the Commonwealth consults with Tribes and Indian health programs concerning Medicaid and CHIP matters having a direct effect on Indian health issues.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Massachusetts SPA No. 11-018 is approved, effective October 27, 2011. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation in the Massachusetts Medicaid State Plan.

We note that according to the approved State plan, any SPAs, waiver proposals, waiver extensions, waiver amendments, waiver renewals and proposals for demonstration projects are considered to have a direct effect on Tribal members. Therefore, the Commonwealth will seek advice and feedback from the Tribes and Indian Health Programs on all such changes to be submitted to CMS. In submissions of the actions identified as having a direct effect on Tribal members, please submit to CMS documentation that confirms that this consultation has occurred.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie McCarthy of my staff. Julie McCarthy can be reached at 617-565-1244 or by email at julie.mccarthy@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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