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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 are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 12-001 with an effective date of January 23, 2012, as requested by your Agency.

This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to the Massachusetts approved Title XIX State plan to incorporate the Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) option in accordance with Section 203 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), Public Law 111-3. Section 203 of CHIPRA permits Massachusetts to rely on findings from the State's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to conduct simplified eligibility determinations and facilitate enrollment in Medicaid. The ELE option will be applied to eligibility redeterminations only.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz. He can be reached at (617) 565-1257.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Julian Harris, M.D., Medicaid Director  
Michael Coleman, State Plan Coordinator