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## Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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John G. Folkemer
Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Suite 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Folkemer:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 09-01. Approval of this amendment permits the State to disregard all wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census activities. In addition, this amendment permits the State to cover, as an optional group other than the Medically Needy, individuals who would be eligible for AFDC, SSI, or an optional State supplement as specified in 42 CFR 435.230, if they were not in a medical institution. The effective date for this amendment is October 1, 2008.

If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Rosemary Feild at 215-861-4278.

Sincerely,

Ted Gallagher

Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Cheryl Camillo