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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, Transmittal Number 09-02. Approval of this amendment permits the State to disregard resources in an amount equal to the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of an individual who is a beneficiary under a long-term care insurance policy, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6021 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2009.

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

Sincerely,

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Ted Gallagher Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Cheryl Camillo