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Brenda M. Harvey, Commissioner
Department of Health and Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

Dear Ms. Harvey:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 08-018 with an effective date of October 1, 2008 as requested. This SPA transmitted an amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to change the cap on the prospective interim payment (PIP) for outpatient hospital services and make it clear that the PIP is calculated independently of the final obligation.

We are approving this SPA as revised. Please refer to your letter dated June 23, 2009 for a list of revisions made to the plan pages. In addition, you submitted Attachment 3.1-A, page 9a and Attachment 3.1-B, page 8b to indicate that you are covering critical access hospital services. Furthermore, you removed the term "least" from the sentence "this payment is capped at 78 percent of the calculated amount and will not be less than the previous year's Prospective Interim Payment, assuming no decrease in utilization" in Attachment 4.19-B, page 1g.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chong Tieng. He can be reached at (617) 565-9157.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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