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Region VIII

March 15, 2012

Mary Dalton, Medicaid & Health Services Manager Montana Department of Health & Human Services 1400 Broadway PO Box 202951 Helena, MT 59620

Re: SPA MT-12-005

Dear Ms Dalton:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 12-005. In this amendment the State is seeking an exception to the January 1, 2012 implementation date described in the Final Rule. Montana is working with the states of Idaho, Alaska, and Utah on a multi-state RAC RFP and contract award. Montana intends to have a RAC contract in place by July 1, 2012.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment is approved effective January 1, 2012. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).

If you have any questions regarding this SPA please contact Cindy Smith at 303-844-7041.

Sincerely,

/s/

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