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**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office**

November 10, 2009

Nicholas A. Toumpas, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Toumpas:

Enclosed is a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 09-001. This SPA is effective January 1, 2009, as requested.

SPA 09-001, received on March 31, 2009, transmitted a proposed amendment to your Department's approved Title XIX State plan. This SPA proposed to (1) increase the optional State supplementary payment levels; (2) increase the gross income level for the special income level group to the maximum allowed (300 percent of the Supplemental Security Income monthly benefit rate for an individual); and (3) use the authority of §1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act to disregard \$1,000 in assets for categorically needy individuals in the special income level group who are in a nursing facility or receiving home and community-based waiver services.

In accordance with your request, we annotated the remarks section on the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material, the CMS-179. Specifically, we indicated that block six should indicate §§1618, 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V), and 1902(r)(2); and the Federal budget impact in block seven should be zero for Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2009, and zero for FFY 2010.

Please contact Allen Bryan or Angel Miller if you have any questions. They can be reached at (617) 565-1246 or (617) 565-1324, respectively.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure