

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
JFK Federal Building, Government Center  
Room 2275  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203



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

May 10, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Toumpas:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 10-001 with an effective date of January 1, 2010 as requested. The SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to reflect the changes enacted by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008.

Section 112 of MIPPA amended section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to make the resource limit for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare beneficiaries and Qualified Individuals conform to the resource limit for individuals who qualify for the full low-income subsidy under Medicare Part D. Section 115 of MIPPA requires States to exempt Medicare cost-sharing benefits paid under the Medicare Savings Programs from estate recovery under section 1917(b)(1) of the Act. These provisions are effective January 1, 2010.

Please note that we are approving this SPA as revised. Per discussion with your staff we added in block 7 of the Transmittal and Approval of State Plan Materials (CMS-179), federal budget impact, that the state could not determine this amount at this time. We also added in block 8 and block 9 of the CMS-179 that page Attachment 2.6A, page 22a was attached and superseded by this plan amendment. The Remarks section of the CMS-179 indicates the changes that were mutually agreed to during the processing of this SPA.

Please contact Angel L. Miller if there are questions. She can be reached at (617) 565-1324.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Kathleen Dunn, State Medicaid Director