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December 8, 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.10-007 with an effective date of July 1, 2010 as requested. The SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to reflect the coverage of hospice services as directed by New Hampshire Chapter 166, Laws of 2009 (Senate Bill 42).

Please note that as agreed to with your staff, the SPA was amended to reflect the federal statute citation, "1905(a)(18) of the Social Security Act" in box 6 on the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179). The Remarks section, box 23, of the CMS-179 indicates the change that was mutually agreed to during the processing of this SPA.

We reviewed this SPA for compliance with §1902(a)(73) of the Act as added by §5006 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5. We determined that this SPA would benefit all Medicaid beneficiaries including members of federally recognized tribes.

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