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Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Secretary Racine:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 12-007 with an effective date of May 1, 2012, as requested by your Agency.

This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to change the prior authorization procedures for physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy services for children under the age of 21. The new procedure requires prior authorization after 8 visits per discipline per diagnosis rather than the old procedure which allowed for four months of treatment without oversight.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz at (617) 565-1257.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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