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Tony Marple, Director OMS
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Dear Mr. Marple:

We have reviewed Maine State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-006 received in the Boston Regional Office on May 14, 2010. Under this SPA, the State would revise the Maine multi-state supplemental rebate agreement (SRA) for "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool previously authorized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under Maine SPA 06-002. The State proposes to revise several definitions. In addition, the State proposes a payment of interest provision for supplemental rebates mailed to the State more than ninety days from the invoice date and a new dispute resolution provision in the event that there is a discrepancy in the calculation of supplemental rebates. We are pleased to inform you that the attached SPA is approved, effective July 1, 2010.

We believe that the Maine multi-state SRA for the SSDC continues to be consistent with the objectives of the Medicaid program. Approval of Maine SPA 10-006 extends only to Maine's SRA with its Attachments and the SSDC Member States' Addendum to this SRA as submitted to CMS on November 22, 2010. These revised SRA documents will replace the current SRA packet submitted to the CMS on July 19, 2006 and effective on January 1, 2006. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA, Attachments or the Addendum submitted to CMS on November 22, 2010, any such documents should be submitted to CMS for review and authorization.

The Boston Regional Office will forward to you a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Maine Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,

/s/
Larry Reed
Director
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cc: Brenda Harvey, Commissioner
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