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Robert Hofmann
Secretary, Agency for Human Services
Office of Vermont Health Access
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ATTN: Esther Perelman

Dear Secretary Hofmann:

We are pleased to inform you that Vermont SPA 09-007 is approved, effective January 1, 2009. Under this amendment, the State of Vermont revised the Vermont multi-state supplemental rebate agreement (SRA) version for "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool previously authorized by CMS under Vermont SPA 06-05. This SPA allows the State to negotiate supplemental rebates for outpatient prescription drugs to Vermont's Medicaid beneficiaries using the revised SRA. Vermont will continue to collect supplemental rebates for Vermont's Medicaid beneficiaries under the SSDC multi-state purchasing pool.

Based upon the information provided, we believe this amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Medicaid program, is designed to increase the efficiency and economy of the Medicaid program and benefits Medicaid beneficiaries. Approval of Vermont SPA 09-007 extends only to Vermont's SRA submitted on June 6, 2009 with the SSDC Member States' Addendum to the SRA also submitted to CMS on June 6, 2009. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA or the Addendum, a new SPA and any required 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 Vermont Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,

/s/

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