

Center for Medicaid and State Operation

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Mike Hall, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Hall:

We have reviewed Maine's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 06-002 received in the Boston Regional Office on February 13, 2006. This Amendment would allow Maine to enter into "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool in order to collect supplemental rebates for Maine's Medicaid beneficiaries. We believe that this Amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Medicaid program and is designed to increase the efficiency and economy of the Medicaid program and benefit Medicaid beneficiaries.

Based upon the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Maine SPA 06-002 is approved, effective January 1, 2006. Approval of Maine SPA 06-002 extends only to Maine's SRA with its Attachments and the SSDC Member States' Addendum to this SRA as submitted to CMS on July 19, 2006. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA, Attachments or the Addendum submitted to CMS on July 19, 2006, 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 Maine Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,


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