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John McCarthy
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Re: Approval – DC SPA #09-04: Look-back Period

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

We have reviewed the above titled proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) #09-04. In accordance with the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA), Section 6011, the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) proposed to extend the look-back period when evaluating the assets of individuals attempting to qualify for enrollment in the District's Medicaid program. The current thirty-six month period prior to the month of application will be changed to a sixty month period prior to the month of application. This provision should reduce the ability of potential applicants to inappropriately transfer assets in order to qualify for enrollment in the District's Medicaid program.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that the DHCF SPA #09-04 has been approved. The effective date is July 1, 2009 as requested. The signed CMS-179 and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Barbara Williamson here in the Regional Office at (215) 861-4721, or at e-mail address barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
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Associate Regional Administrator

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