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John McCarthy
Deputy Director
Department of Health Care Finance
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Washington, DC 20002

Re: Approval – DC SPA #10-03, New Option for Coverage of Individuals under Medicaid

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

We have reviewed the District of Columbia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) #10-03, New Option for Coverage of Individuals under Medicaid. In accordance with Section 2001 of the Affordable Care Act: Medicaid Coverage for the Lowest Income Populations, the District of Columbia has chosen the option to provide coverage to a new eligibility group; very-low income adults in the District who are not otherwise eligible under mandatory eligibility categories, and without regard to disability, parental status, or most other categorical limitations under the state plan. These adults can have an income level up to 133% of Federal Poverty Level; there is no asset test for this group; and the District will apply a less restrictive income methodology than used under Supplemental Security Income.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that the District of Columbia's SPA #10-03 has been approved. The effective date is May 1, 2010 as requested. The signed CMS form 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 via e-mail at barbara.williamson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/
Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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