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Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Secretary Racine:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 13-017 with an effective date of April 1, 2013, as requested by your Agency.

This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to your approved Title XIX State plan to reflect that Vermont's hospice benefit is provided in accordance with Section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act which removes the prohibition of receiving curative treatment upon the election of the hospice benefit.

If there are questions, please contact Lynn Wolfsfeld at (617) 682-9426.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mark Larson, Commissioner
Ashley Berliner, DVHA Health Programs Administrator