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Cynthia D. LaWare  
Secretary  
Office of Vermont Health Access  
312 Hurricane Lane, Suite 201  
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Ms. LaWare:

We have reviewed Vermont's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 06-005 received in the Boston Regional Office on March 31, 2006. This Amendment would allow Vermont to enter into "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool in order to collect supplemental rebates for Vermont's Medicaid beneficiaries. We believe 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 Vermont SPA 06-005 is approved, effective January 1, 2006. Approval of Vermont SPA 06-005 extends only to Vermont's SRA submitted on March 31, 2006 with its Attachments and the SSDC Member States' Addendum to the SRA submitted to CMS on July 19, 2006. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA, Attachments 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 Yolanda Reese at (410) 786-9898.

Sincerely,

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Director  
Division of Pharmacy

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