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Ms. Cynthia D. LaWare
Secretary
State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0204

Dear Ms. LaWare:

This is to advise you of the approval of the revisions to the Vermont Agency of Human Service (AHS) Cost Allocation Plan, which were submitted under letter dated September 27, 2007. The revisions are to reflect continuous changes within the Agency of Human Services due to a department wide reorganization and to include the newly created Department of Mental Health. These revisions, which were submitted in accordance with 45 CFR 95, Subpart E, are effective in accordance to the dates listed below.

This approval shall remain in effect until such time as the basis and methods for allocating costs in the plan becomes outdated due to organizational changes, changes in Federal law or regulations, or there is a significant change in program composition that would affect the validity of approved cost allocation procedures.

The plan is approved and costs claimed in conformance with the plan are subject to the following conditions:

1. The approval is based on information provided by the State and is void if the information is later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate.

2. The costs claimed for Federal financial participation must be allowable under the law, the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87 and program regulation.

3. Based on CMS letter to Vermont dated May 29, 2007,
   - All current and future PACAP revisions for each AHS Department should comply with Federal regulations regardless of the status of the Global Commitment to Health waiver. The Office of Vermont Health Access administrative expenses and allocation methodologies should comply with Federal regulations at 45 CFR 95.507 (a) and (b) and 42 CFR 433.15.

- A general reference to the Global Commitment to Health waiver at the beginning of each AHS Department's allocation methodology should be indicated by an asterisk attached to each Plan Department number and allocation methodology that is affected by the waiver.

4. The following cost allocation plans are approved under this letter:
   - Agency of Human Services (AHS) – effective 7/1/07
   - Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) – effective 7/1/07
   - Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DDAIL) – effective 7/1/07
   - Office of Vermont Health Access – effective 7/1/07
   - Vermont Department of Health (VDH) – effective 7/1/07
   - Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) – effective 7/1/07

5. The approved plans are subject to ongoing revisions as the Vermont Agency of Human Services completes the transition to the new organizational and operational structure. These ongoing changes will be addressed in subsequent plan revisions that may impact on currently approved cost allocation methodologies.

Nothing contained herein should be construed as approving activities not otherwise authorized by approved program plans, or Federal legislation or regulations.

The implementation of the cost allocation plan approved by this document may from time to time be revised by authorized Federal staff. The disclosure of inequities during such reviews may necessitate changes to the plan.

Sincerely,

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