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Richard R. McGreal Associate Regional Administrator Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Boston Regional Office JFK Federal Building, Room 2325 Boston, MA 02203

Dear Mr. McGreal:

Massachusetts is pleased to submit its Statewide Transition Plan for Compliance with the Home and Community Based Services Community Rule. This Transition Plan addresses home and community based services (HCBS) delivered through the state's 1915(c) waivers and was developed over the past 9 months as a collaborative effort among Executive Office of Health and Human Services agencies, including MassHealth, the Department of Developmental Services, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Massachusetts does not operate other programs for which a transition plan may be required.

Attached are the following materials:

- The Massachusetts Statewide Transition Plan for Compliance with the HCBS Community Rule, and agency-specific Transition Plans related to waiver-operating agencies.
- Copies of public notices which Massachusetts issued to announce posting of the draft plan on the state's website and opportunities for public input.
- A summary of comments received through the public input process and the state's responses to these comments.

You will also find these materials posted, as required, on the state's website at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/</a>.

Massachusetts appreciates the spirit of the Community Rule, which is consistent with our Community First policy and its overarching commitment to working towards serving individuals with disabilities and elders in the community.

Sincerely,

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