



**Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services**

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Tom Betlach, Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
801 E. Jefferson  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Arizona SPA 11-009D

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-009D. This amendment reduces nursing facility payment rates by five percent, for services from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. This is to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 11-009D is approved effective October 1, 2011. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Wong at (415) 744-3561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS

Enclosures