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Re: State Plan Amendment 11-02 Physician and Specialty Services Rate Reduction

Dear Dr. Elam:

We have reviewed your State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-02 entitled Physician and Specialty Services Rate Reduction, and have approved the amendment. This SPA reduces Medicaid fee-for-service physician and specialty service rates from 100% of the Medicare rate to 80% of the Medicare rate. We understand that the District will retroactively enact this reduction by offsetting the payment reductions against future claims. The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2011. The signed CMS-form 179 and the approved state plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Williamson of my staff at (215) 861-4721. She can also be e-mailed at [Barbara.Williamson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Williamson@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "F" and "M".

Francis McCullough  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: W. Turnage, DHCF  
D. Fields, DHCF  
D. Earhart, CMS

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