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Dr. Linda Elam, PhD., MPH
Deputy Director/Medicaid and CHIP
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Dear Dr. Elam:

We have reviewed the submission of the District of Columbia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-04 relating to enhanced payments for primary care physicians (PCPs). Specifically, its provisions, Supplement 3 to Attachment 4.19-B, pp. 1-3, will implement one of the requirements of the Affordable Care Act which increases reimbursement for specified primary care and vaccine administration services. Eligible primary care services must be provided by, or under the supervision of a physician with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric, or related sub-specialty. This increased reimbursement will apply to CY 2013 and CY 2014 only. We are pleased to inform you that this SPA is approved.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

Please contact Sabrina Tillman-Boyd at (215) 861-4721 if you have any further questions regarding this issue. She can also be reached at Sabrina.Tillman-Boyd@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: D. Fields, DHCF
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