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RE: IA 09-009:

Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-009. Effective for nursing facility services on and after April 1, 2010, this amendment provides for a quality assurance assessment rate pass-through and a quality assurance assessment rate add-on.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 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. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-009 is approved effective April 1, 2010. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Weidler at (816) 426-6429.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann

Director

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Enclosures