

Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification

Ms. Susan J. Tucker
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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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RE: Maryland State Plan Amendment 09-012


Dear Ms. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-012. This amendment modifies the methods and standards for making Medical Assistance payments to nursing facilities (NFs). Specifically, this SPA increases the net reduction factor in Maryland's rates for certain cost centers (Administrative/Routine, Other Patient Care, and Capital) from the current 4.816% to the proposed 8.681% effective August 1, 2009.

We reviewed this amendment pursuant to sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1905 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR Part 443 and 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-012 is approved effective August 1, 2009. We are enclosing the Form-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723, or Rob Weaver at (410) 786-5914.

Sincerely,


Cindy Mann
Director
(CMCS)