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Ms. Susan J. Tucker
Executive Director
Office of Health Services
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: State Plan Amendment 10-012

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-012. This amendment modifies the methods and standards for making Medical Assistance payments to nursing facilities (NFs). Specifically, this SPA increases NF reimbursements by reducing the net reduction factor applied to select cost centers used in developing rates and implements a supplemental payment using quality indicators to formulate the payments.

We reviewed this amendment pursuant to sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving Medicaid State plan amendment 10-012 effective July 1, 2010. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lasovsk". The signature is written in a cursive style.

✓ Cindy Mann, Director
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