

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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DEC - 2 2011

RE: State Plan Amendment 11-018

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-018. 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 modifies qualification criteria for supplemental payment based on 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 11-018 effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the Form-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,



Cindy Mann
Director
Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services