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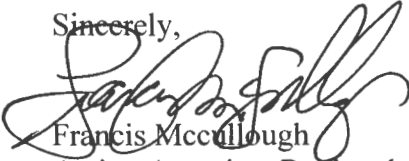
Dear Mr. Milligan:

We are pleased to inform you that Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 11-09 has been approved. This amendment updates certain State plan pages, including non-discrimination practices, methods of assuring high quality care, removal of language on guidelines for assessing cost effectiveness of employer-based group health plans, and the definition of a claim.

The effective date of this SPA is April 1, 2011. The signed CMS-179 and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed.

The State's SPA 11-09 submission also included an update of language on transportation. It was determined during the review process that some of this language needs to be transferred to the State's cost allocation plan. The State asked to withdraw its transportation pages from this SPA, and a decision was made to pursue this matter through a separate SPA and revised cost allocation plan, for which CMS staff can provide technical assistance, as desired. The enclosed letter with this approval letter documents the process to be followed for CMS approval of the State's language on transportation.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Rosemary Feild at (215) 861-4278.

Sincerely,

Francis McCullough
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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