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Ms. Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
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SEP 23 2011

RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-011

Dear Ms. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-011. This amendment adds language that allows Maryland to redistribute disproportionate share (DSH) payments that exceed a hospital's specific DSH limit as defined by section 1923(g) of the Social Security Act. Specifically, redistribution will be calculated proportionately based on other hospital's remaining availability under their hospital specific DSH limit.

We conducted our review of this amendment according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving SPA 11-011, effective April 1, 2011. Enclosed are the approved HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Mann  
Director  
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Enclosures