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Ms. Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director OHS - DHMH 201 W. Preston Street, 1st floor Baltimore, MD 21201 APR - 3 2012

RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-015

Dear Ms. Tucker:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment 11-015. This SPA modifies Attachments 4.19-A and 4.19-B of Maryland's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, SPA 11-015 implements regulations for provider preventable conditions and related payment adjustments for Medicaid.

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 11-015, effective July 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,

Cindy Mann Director, CMCS

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