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Charles J. Milligan Jr., Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Room 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Milligan:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 12-01. This SPA adds language to the Medicaid State Plan, attesting to the establishment of an Asset Verification System, as required under Section 1940(a) of the Social Security Act. The State has identified a vendor for an electronic system to verify assets of aged, blind and disabled Medicaid applicants and recipients, consistent with the approach taken by the Social Security Administration's asset verification pilot project.

The effective date for this amendment is July 1, 2012. The signed CMS-179 form and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed.

If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Andrea Cunningham of my staff at (215) 861-4325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

Do you know someone who has been denied medical insurance because of a pre-existing condition? If so, they may be eligible for the new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan. Call toll free 1-866-717-5826 (TTY 1-866-561-1604) or visit www.pcip.gov and click on "Find Your State" to learn more.