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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 12-03. This SPA provides assurance of compliance with the provider screening and enrollment provisions at 42 CFR 455, Subpart E. We appreciate the evaluation accompanying the SPA on the status in implementing the requirements and any barriers, as well as projected timeframes for completion of all actions.

The effective date for this amendment is January 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, ancis McCulloug

Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure