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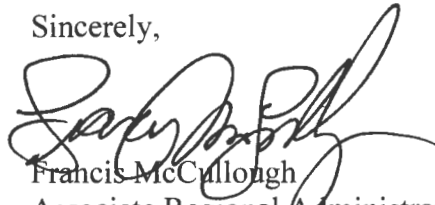
Dear Mr. Milligan:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 12-05. This SPA updates requirements for Hospice services and reimbursement in Maryland, as well as moves Hospice to the correct State plan section. This SPA also removes the supplement for operationally obsolete services for children diverted/returned from out of state facilities.

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

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

Sincerely,



Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure