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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:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Maryland's State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-02. This SPA is approved effective January 1, 2013, as requested by the State.

This SPA updates the State Plan to reimburse certain providers at the statewide rate which reflects the Medicare mean value over all counties for Evaluation and Management codes 99201-99499 for dates of services between January 1, 2013 and December 30, 2014. In addition, the State will pay the federally calculated VFC vaccine administration charge. However, during the review process, CMS has determined that the State's Attachment 3.1A Pages and item numbers for medical and remedial services, as well as certified pediatric or family nurse practitioner do not correlate. Technical corrections to the State Plan pages are necessary to align these items. Also, the State needs to remove the language regarding Medicare medical necessity from number 9 on Page 31G-2 of Attachment 3.1A. The State must remove relevant language to all applicable pages, including 3.1B. The State has requested a Companion letter to make these corrections. Concurrent with this approval letter, CMS will issue a companion letter and provide guidance on time frames for correction.

Enclosed, please find the signed CMS 179 form and the approved SPA pages.

If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Lieutenant Commander 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, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure