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Dear Mr. Milligan:

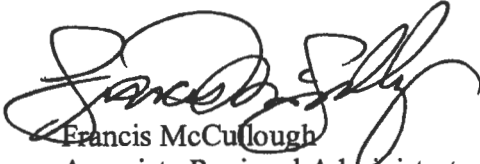
Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 13-03. This SPA adds the pre-print to the State plan to reimburse physicians who self-attest to a primary care designation of internal medicine, family medicine or pediatrics or a physician that has a practice history of primary care as represented by a 60 percent claims history for approved E&M reimbursement codes for services rendered in calendar year 2013 and 2014. In addition, the State will pay the federally calculated VFC vaccine administration charge.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

The effective date for this amendment is January 1, 2013. 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