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RE: NE 10-006

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-006. Effective for services on or after March 1, 2010, this amendment proposes to revise the payment methodology for IHS nursing facilities. This amendment also proposes to establish a rate for new IHS nursing facility providers for the rate period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. In addition, this amendment proposes to establish a special funding provision for IHS nursing facility providers allowing them to receive 100% of cost based on desk audits.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 10-006 is approved effective March 1, 2010. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Weidler at (816) 426-6429.

Sincerely,

Director (CMCS)

Enclosures