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Ms. Estelle B. Richman, Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

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RE: State Plan Amendment 09-007

Dear Ms. Richman:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-007. This amendment amends the current payment methodology Pennsylvania uses to determine disproportionate share adjustment (DSH) payments to certain qualifying hospitals designated as Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and certain qualifying rural hospitals.

We conducted our review of this amendment according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. I am pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-007 is approved effective April 1, 2009. I have enclosed the approved HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Keith Leuschner on (717) 782-4967.

Sincerely,

*Bill Rosen*

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