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Ms. Harriet Dichter, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Budget and Planning
PO Box 8046
Harrisburg, PA 17105

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RE: State Plan Amendment 09-015

Dear Ms. Dichter:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-015. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-D of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment provides for the recognition of a new health-care associated infection surcharge as an allowable Medicaid program cost and a new pass-through payment reimbursing nursing facilities for the Medicaid portion of this surcharge.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-015 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Cindy Mann
Director

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Enclosures