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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
P.O. Box 8046
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RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-016

Dear Ms. Dichter:

We completed our review of the proposed amendment to section 4.19D of Pennsylvania's Title XIX Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-016. Specifically, this amendment adds state veterans homes to the facilities classified as state-operated nursing facilities and removes obsolete language from the plan without affecting reimbursement methodology.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 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 09-016 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 (with pen and ink changes) and the amended plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Mann
Director

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