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Ms. Harriet Dichter, Acting Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

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RE: State Plan Amendment 09-018

Dear Ms. Dichter:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D to the Pennsylvania State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-018. This amendment modifies the State's methods and standards for setting public nursing facility (NF) payment rates. Specifically, this amendment continues the use of a budget adjustment factor in setting rates for the 2009/2010 rate year.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at Sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), and 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. I am pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-018 is approved effective July 1, 2009. I have enclosed the approved HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Mann  
Director

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