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Ms. Harriet Dichter, Secretary
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RE: State Plan Amendment 09-021

Dear Ms. Dichter:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-021. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-D of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues provisions for Medicaid day-one-incentive (MDOI) and pay-for-performance (P4P) payments to county nursing facilities.

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 09-021 is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 (with pen and ink changes to box 7) and the amended plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann

Director

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Enclosures