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Mrs. 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

RE: State Plan Amendment 10-005

Dear Mrs. Dichter:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-005. This amendment continues the current reimbursement methodology Pennsylvania uses for disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to certain qualifying hospitals servicing economically distressed areas.

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 10-005 is approved effective May 2, 2010. I have enclosed the approved HCFA-179 (with pen and ink changes to box 7) and the amended state plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann

Director

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Enclosures