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RE: State Plan Amendment 10-008

Dear Mrs. Dichter:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 10-008. This amendment extends and continues the current reimbursement methodology Pennsylvania uses for disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to certain qualifying hospitals designated as Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and certain qualifying rural hospitals.

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 10-008 is approved effective April 4, 2010. I have enclosed the approved HCFA-179 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