

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Mr. Gary D. Alexander, Secretary
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Department of Public Welfare/Department of Aging
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RE: State Plan Amendment 11-016

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D to the Pennsylvania State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-016. 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 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 rate year.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at Sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving Pennsylvania State plan amendment 11-016 effective date of July 1, 2011. 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, CMCS