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Mr. Gary D. Alexander, Secretary
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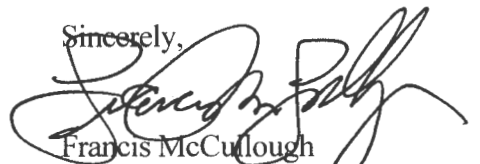
Dear Secretary Alexander:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-001, which amends Supplement 11 to Attachment 2.6A, regarding the state's use of the minimum resource standard to determine resource eligibility for institutional spouses who have a spouse living in the community. This amendment is in compliance with the Spousal Impoverishment provisions of Section 1924(g) of the Social Security Act.

Enclosed is a copy of the approved SPA pages and the signed CMS-179 form. The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2012.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Harry Mirach at (215) 861-4284 or Kia Banton at (215) 861-4252.

Sincerely,



Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Lourdes Padilla, Deputy Secretary, Office of Income Maintenance
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