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Mr. Gary D. Alexander, Secretary  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Public Welfare  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
P.O. Box 8046  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

AUG 15 2012

RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-008

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of SPA 12-008 which amends section 4.19A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX state plan. Specifically, it continues disproportionate share payments to an additional class of acute care general hospitals designated as Critical Access Hospitals or qualifying rural hospitals and establishes procedures for payments to such hospitals.

We conducted our review of your submittal 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 (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving Pennsylvania SPA 12-008, effective March 18, 2012. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS