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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

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RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-012

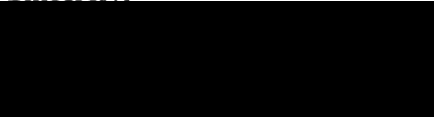
Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of SPA 12-012 which amends section 4.19A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX state plan. Specifically, this amendment provides disproportionate share payment adjustments to certain qualifying hospitals that provide a high volume of Medical Assistance acute care and psychiatric services to Medicaid and low income populations and incur significant uncompensated care costs.

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 12-012, effective March 25, 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,



Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS