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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) 12-014

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of SPA 12-014 which amends section 4.19A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX state plan. Specifically, this amendment continues disproportionate share payments to certain qualifying hospitals that provide a high volume of services to Medicaid and low income populations.

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 12-014, effective April 29, 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.

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Director, CMCS