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Mr. Jerry Phillips, Director
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Attention: Sandra Victor

RE: Louisiana 09-23

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-23. The purpose of this amendment is to issue supplemental payments to hospitals that demonstrated substantial financial and operational challenges in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike in compliance with HB 879 of the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature. Medicaid supplemental payments will be made to qualifying non-rural non-state public and private hospitals for dates of service from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. As part of the review process the State was asked to provide information regarding funding of the State share of expenditures under Attachment 4.19-A. Based upon your assurances we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-23 is approved effective July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Dasheiff, CPA at (214) 767-6490.

Sincerely,

/S/

Cindy Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO)

Enclosures

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