

Center for Medicaid and State Operations

Ms. Susan J. Tucker
Executive Director
Office of Health Services
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Maryland State Plan Amendment 09-004

Dear Ms. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-004. This amendment modifies the payment methodology and standards for setting payment rates for nursing facility services. Specifically, this amendment decreases payment amounts and/or percentages in a number of nursing facility costs centers. It also decreases or sets lower limits on the incentive and efficiency payments made to nursing facilities.

We reviewed this amendment pursuant to sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1905 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR Part 443 and 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-004 is approved effective November 1, 2008. We are enclosing the Form-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Keith Leuschner at (717)-782-4967, or Rob Weaver at (410) 786-5914.

Sincerely,

/S/

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

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Mr. John Folkemer DHMH

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