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**Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

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Ms. Harriet Dichter  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Dear Secretary Dichter:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 08-025, which increases the payment rate to certain practitioners for services provided to Medicaid recipients during a period of hospitalization. Enclosed is a copy of the approved SPA and signed CMS-179 form. The effective date is October 19, 2008.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Michael Cruse of my staff at (215) 861-4216.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Ted Gallagher  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures  
cc: John Hummel, DPW, Bureau of Policy, Budget and Planning