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**Center for Medicaid and State Operations, CMSO**

Mr. Chris Traylor  
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Health and Human Services Commission  
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RE: TN 09-016

Dear Mr. Traylor:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-016. The proposed amendment will adjust the Nursing Facility rate components to equal the rate components in effect on August 31, 2009, plus an average increase of 7.12 percent. The proposed amendment also adjusts the pediatric care facility payment rate to be equal to the pediatric care facility payment rate in effect on August 31, 2009, and deletes the provision for reinvestment under the Direct Care Staff Rate Component.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13) and 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) 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-D. Based upon your responses we are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-016 is approved effective September 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the new 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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