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Mr. Stephen Groff
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Dear Mr. Groff:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Delaware's State Plan Amendment (SPA) DE-13-002. This SPA is acceptable. Therefore, we are approving SPA 13-002 with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

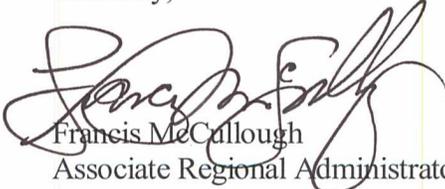
This SPA proposes to authorize increased payments to physicians in accordance to Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It amends section 1902(a)(13) of the Social Security Act and requires payment by the State Medicaid agencies of at least the Medicare rates in effect in Calendar Years (CY) 2013 and 2014 or, if higher, the rate that will be applicable using the CY 2009 Medicare Conversion factor (CF), for primary care services furnished by a physician or under the personal supervision of a physician with a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine or pediatric medicine.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your State begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

Enclosed, please find the signed CMS 179 form, and the approved SPA pages.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Alice Robinson Penn at (215) 861-4261.

Sincerely,


Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures