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RE: KS 09-003:

Dear Dr. Langner:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-003. Effective July 1, 2009, this amendment modifies the rate setting methodology for nursing facility services by limiting inflation of base period costs, modifying components of the Nursing Facility and Nursing Facility for Mental Health Quality and Efficiency Incentive Factor per diem add-ons, and providing for a per diem pass-through for increased minimum wages.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-003 is approved effective July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Tim Weidler at (816) 426-6429.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Director

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Enclosures