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Mr. Don Gregory, Director Bureau of Health Services Financing Department of Health and Hospitals Post Office Box 91030 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030

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Attention:

Darlene York

RE: Louisiana 11-24

Dear Mr. Gregory:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-24. The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the nursing facilities rate in effect on June 30, 2011 by \$26.98, followed by a rebasing of the rate effective July 1, 2011.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 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 assurances, Medicaid State plan amendment 11-24 is approved effective July 1, 2011. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan page.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Dasheiff, CPA at (214) 767-6490.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann

Director

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Enclosures