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Ms. Ruth Kennedy, Director Bureau of Health Services Financing Department of Health and Hospitals Post Office Box 91030 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030

RE: Louisiana 12-53

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 12-53. The purpose of this amendment is to adjust the per diem rate for private and non-state nursing facilities.

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 12-53 is approved effective September 1, 2012. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan page.

If you have any questions, please call Tamara Sampson at (214) 767-6431.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Mann Director

Enclosures