

Center for Medicaid and State Operations

Ms. Susan J. Tucker
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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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RE: Maryland State Plan Amendment 09-009

Dear Ms. Tucker:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-009. This amendment modifies the methods and standards for making Medical Assistance payments to nursing facilities (NFs). Specifically, this SPA provides that payment rates for NF services furnished during State fiscal year 2009 shall be maintained at the same level that was in effect during the prior period of November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

We reviewed this amendment pursuant to sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1905 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR Part 443 and 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-009 is approved effective July 1, 2009. We are enclosing the Form-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723, or Rob Weaver at (410) 786-5914.

Sincerely,


Cindy Mann

Director
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