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Charles J. Milligan, Jr.
Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Suite 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Milligan:

We are pleased to inform you that Maryland State Plan Amendment Number 11-17 has been approved. This amendment adds language to the State Plan specific to the provision of Freestanding Birth Centers, pursuant to Section 2301 of the Affordable Care Act. The effective date is July 1, 2012.

The signed CMS-179 and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Rosemary Feild at (215) 861-4278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Francis McCullough
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

Do you know someone who has been denied medical insurance because of a pre-existing condition? If so, they may be eligible for the new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan. Call toll free 1-866-717-5826 (TTY 1-866-561-1604) or visit www.pcip.gov and click on "Find Your State" to learn more.