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RE: NE 09-010

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-010. This amendment revises the payment methodology for inpatient hospital services. Effective for services on or after October 1, 2009, this amendment will pay prospective rates for inpatient hospital services using the AP-DRG grouper and provides for various other changes.

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. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-010 is approved effective October 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 style with a large initial "C".

Director

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Enclosures