



DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS  
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March 20, 2013

Valerie Harr  
Director  
Department of Human Services  
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services  
P.O. Box 712  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0712

Dear Director Harr:

This is to notify you that New Jersey State Plan Amendment (SPA) #12-09 has been approved for adoption into the State Medicaid Plan with an effective date of October 1, 2012. The SPA was submitted to allow optometrists to participate in the New Jersey Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program by allowing New Jersey to define services that an optometrist is legally authorized to perform as physician services under the State plan and reimbursed whether furnished by a physician or an optometrist. The program will allow high volume Medicaid optometrists to receive federal incentive funding up to \$63,750 each for adopting and using an EHR system. In addition, CMS revised the 179 Form as indicated in the comments sent to the State on February 1, 2013 as agreed upon.

Enclosed are copies of SPA #12-09 and the CMS 179 form, as approved. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this SPA further, please contact Ricardo Holligan or John Montalto of this office. Ricardo Holligan may be reached at (212) 616-2424, and John Montalto's phone number is (212) 616-2326.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Melendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Melendez  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures: CMS 179 Form  
State Plan Pages  
SPA 12-09 comments and the State response

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