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Ms. Verlon Johnson, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA)  
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Please find enclosed Ohio Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA) transmittal number (TN) 12-001. This SPA proposes to modify the chart of accounts and cost report for nursing facilities (NFs) in order to bring them into alignment with provisions in Am. Sub. HB 153 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. This SPA also modifies the NF chart of accounts and NF cost report due to the State's five-year rule review process.

Specific provisions being implemented are:

- Behavioral and mental health services are being included in direct care costs pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5111.20;
- Fines or penalties paid under Ohio Revised Code Section 5111.271 are being included as nonreimbursable costs;
- Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5111.331, NF leave days are reimbursed at 50% of the NF's per diem if the occupancy rate in the preceding calendar year exceeded 95% and 18% of the per diem if the occupancy rate was 95% or less.

If you have any questions regarding this state plan amendment, please contact Julie Evers of the Bureau of Long Term Care Services and Supports at (614) 752-3618 or at [julie.evers@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:julie.evers@jfs.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

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State Medicaid Director

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Enclosures: Ohio State Plan Amendment TN 12-001  
SPA TN 12-001 Summary of Changes  
SPA TN 12-001 Calculation of Fiscal Impact FFYs '12 and '13  
SPA TN 12-001: Documentation of compliance with public notice requirements of 42 CFR 447.205

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