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Ms. Harriet Dichter
Acting Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Dear Secretary Dichter:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-013, which increases the personal needs allowance for individuals residing in State Veterans' Homes. Enclosed is a copy of the approved SPA and signed CMS-179 form. The effective date is January 1, 2009.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Michael Cruse of my staff at (215) 861-4216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "G" at the end.

Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: John Hummel, DPW, Bureau of Policy, Budget and Planning