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Mr. Gary Alexander, Secretary  
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RE: State Plan Amendment 12-021

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-021. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-D of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues provisions for Medicaid pay-for-performance (P4P) payments to county nursing facilities.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving state plan amendment 12-021 effective July 1, 2012. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please call Gary Knight at (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely,



Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS

Enclosures