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Beverly Mackereth
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Dear Ms. Mackereth:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Pennsylvania's State Plan Amendment (SPA) PA-12-027. We are pleased to inform you that SPA PA-12-027 has been approved. The effective date of SPA PA-12-027 is July 1, 2013.

Once CMS has completed its review of the State's proposed form of Pennsylvania School-Based Access Program Time Study Implementation Guide for Direct Service and Administrative Claiming (Implementation Plan) and remaining outstanding comments have been incorporated into the Implementation Guide, CMS will issue a separate approval letter for the Implementation Guide.

This SPA revises and expands on language to the State Plan to reflect current practices for school-based services. Please be advised that the new payment methodology contained in SPA PA-12-027 will not be effective until July 1, 2013. CMS recognizes that the Department will utilize the current interim payment methodology for the current school year 2012-2013 as discussed in our telephone conferences, emails, and other communications.

Enclosed, please find the signed CMS 179 form, and the approved SPA pages.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mary McKeon at (215) 861-4181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure