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Mr. Gary Alexander, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare/Department of Aging
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DEC 13 2012

RE: State Plan Amendment 12-030

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-030. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-D of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment adds supplemental payments to nursing facilities that provide higher percentages of ventilator care to Medicaid patients.

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 12-030 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,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Cindy Mann.

Cindy Mann
Director, CMCS

Enclosures