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Mr. Gary Alexander, Secretary Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Office of Medical Assistance Programs PO Box 8046 Harrisburg, PA 17105

DEC -6 2012

RE: State Plan Amendment 12-039

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-039. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues disproportionate share hospital payments to hospitals providing a high volume of services to Medical Assistance individuals and low-income populations.

We conducted our review of this SPA according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(3), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving state plan amendment 12-039 effective October 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.

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Director, CMCS

Enclosures