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Mr. Gary Alexander, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Office of Medical Assistance Programs
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DEC - 6 2012

RE: State Plan Amendment 12-041

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have completed our review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-041. This SPA modifies Attachment 4.19-A of Pennsylvania's Title XIX State Plan. Specifically, the amendment continues disproportionate share hospital payments to facilities designated as critical access hospitals and qualifying rural hospitals.

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 12-041 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.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann
Director, CMCS

Enclosures