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Ms. Beverly D. Mackereth, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
PO Box 8046
Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: State Plan Amendment 13-022

Dear Ms. Mackereth:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of the Pennsylvania State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 13-022. This amendment modifies the State's methods and standards for setting non-public nursing facility (NF) payment rates. Specifically, this amendment continues the use of a budget adjustment factor in setting rates for 2013-2014.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at Sections 1902(a)(2), 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 Pennsylvania State plan amendment 13-022 effective July 1, 2013. The approved HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Knight on (304) 347-5723.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Mann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosures