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RE: Rhode Island 09-005

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-005. Effective June 1, 2009, this amendment revises the methodology for making disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments. Specifically it updates the base year for determining the DSH cost from hospital fiscal year 2006 to hospital fiscal year 2007. In addition, it revises the payment limits for existing DSH pools.

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 and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 09-005 is approved effective June 1, 2009. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Novena James-Hailey at (617) 565-1291.

Sincerely,

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Director
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Enclosures

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