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RE: State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-010

Dear Ms. Elam:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 11-010. This amendment proposes changes to the District's disproportionate share hospital payment program. Specifically, this plan continues the previously approved recovery and redistribution methodology for DSH payments in excess of hospital-specific-limits. Additionally, this SPA eliminates one of two reductions to DC's annual DSH allotment that allowed DC to expand coverage under approved Medicaid Waivers and eliminates language that made an additional \$12.5 million payment to a specific qualified DSH facility. The \$12.5 million becomes part of the distribution pool for all DSH hospitals.

We conducted our review of this amendment 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 and the regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are approving SPA 11-010, effective January 1, 2012. Enclosed are the approved HCFA-179 and the amended state plan pages.

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

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Mann  
Director, CMCS

Enclosures