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RE: NY 09-18

Dear Ms. Bachrach:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 09-18. Effective January 1, 2009, this amendment provides for a reduction in the trend factor applicable to payment rates for nursing home services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1923 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 09-18 is approved, effective January 1, 2009. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call National Institutional Reimbursement Team (NIRT) member Tom Brady (518) 396-3810 ext 109 or Rob Weaver (410) 786-5914.

Sincerely,

/S/

Cindy Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid and State Operations (CMSO)

Enclosures