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Cheryl Young  
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Dear Ms. Young:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-009-D, effective October 1, 2011, which reduces reimbursement rates for Nursing Facilities by 5% for the period October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

If you have any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Theresa Gonzales at (602) 417-4732.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director  
Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Cc: Jessica Schubel  
Mark Wong



STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE: ARIZONA

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING FEE-FOR-SERVICE PAYMENT  
RATES FOR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

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IV. Temporary Rate Reduction

Notwithstanding the methods and rates as otherwise described in this attachment, for claims with dates of service between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012, payments for nursing facilities will be reduced by 5% of the payments that would otherwise have been made under the methodology in effect as of October 1, 2010, as described in this attachment.

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