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**SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Use CMP Funds**

Dear Ms. Hogan:

Sections 1819(h)(2)(B)(ii)(IV)(ff) and 1919(h)(3)(C)(ii)(IV)(ff) of the Social Security Act incorporate specific provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act pertaining to the collection and uses of Civil Money Penalties (CMPs) imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) when nursing homes do not meet requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. In accordance with CMS Survey & Certification Memo 12-13-NH, effective January 1, 2012, States must obtain approval from CMS for the use of federally imposed civil money penalty (CMP) funds.

Our office has reviewed the proposal to provide the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman \$2,000,242.50 for the Person-Centered Staff Engagement Project. This program will result in 100 nursing homes participating in the two-year effort to engage staff in person-centered practices to improve the quality of resident care and life. We find that the requirements at 42 CFR § 488.433 are met, and that the proposal may be funded with federally imposed CMP funds.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Anna Olson, MPH at (312) 353-2888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ay".

Jean Ay  
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cc: CMS Quality Assurance