

PENNSYLVANIA 2007 REVISED FINDING
AND DISALLOWANCE LETTER

April 23, 2009

Estelle B. Richman
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Dear Ms. Richman:

In correspondence dated April 2, 2009, the Children's Bureau (CB) informed you of our decision to rescind a disallowance for six sample cases from the July 2007 review of Pennsylvania's title IV-E foster care maintenance program. In earlier correspondence dated January 27, 2009 and March 24, 2009 we informed you of other adjustments made for three cases. This letter is to inform you of the final findings of the primary eligibility review of Pennsylvania's title IV-E foster care program conducted in 2007.

With the rescission of the disallowance of the nine cases, Pennsylvania has been found to have a total of two error cases (PA-6 and PA-74) and one non-error case with ineligible payments (PA-31) for the period under review (PUR) of October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. The disallowance total for this review is \$15,190 Federal Financial Participation (FFP) in maintenance payments and \$4,628 FFP in related administrative costs for the title IV-E foster care payments claimed for the error cases; an additional \$913 FFP in maintenance payments and \$873 FFP in related administrative costs are also disallowed for the title IV-E foster care payments claimed improperly in the case determined to be a non-error case.

Accordingly, the Administration of Children and Families determined that Pennsylvania's title IV-E foster care maintenance payment program is in substantial compliance with Federal eligibility requirements for the PUR. Since Pennsylvania has been found in substantial compliance, a secondary review will not be required. The next primary review will be held in Fiscal Year 2010. In addition, Pennsylvania is no longer required to complete a program improvement plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact Lisa Pearson, CB's Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in Region III at (215) 861-4030 or by email at lisa.pearson@acf.hhs.gov. You also may contact Alan Ademski, CB's Children and Families Program Specialist in Region III, at (215) 861-4035 or by email at alan.ademski@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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