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**Fitch Affirms Senior Note of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency 2009-1****Indenture** Ratings Endorsement Policy  
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Fitch Ratings-New York-15 October 2012: Fitch Ratings affirms the senior student loan note at 'AAA' issued by Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency 2009-1 Indenture. The Rating Outlook on the senior note, which is tied to the sovereign rating of the U.S. government, remains Negative.

The rating on the senior note is affirmed based on the sufficient level of credit enhancement consisting of overcollateralization and projected minimum excess spread to cover the applicable risk factor stresses.

Fitch has taken the following rating actions:

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency 2009-1 Indenture:

--Class A-1 affirmed at 'AAA'; Outlook Negative.

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Applicable Criteria and Related Research:

--'Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria' (June 6, 2012);  
--'Rating U.S. Federal Family Education Loan Program Student Loan ABS Criteria' (April 3, 2012).

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