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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

APR 26 2013

William J. Streur, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
Post Office Box 110601
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0601

RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-003

Dear Mr. Streur:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Pharmacy Team recently approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-003.

The state has or will receive an approval of this SPA from the CMS Pharmacy Team. The Seattle Regional Office is also providing an additional copy as we were the recipient of the original, signed amendment request, and we maintain the official Alaska State Plan. Enclosed you will find a copy of the official CMS form 179, amended page(s), and copy of the approval letter from the Pharmacy Team for your records.

If you have any questions concerning the Seattle Regional Office role in the processing of this SPA, please contact me, or have your staff contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or via email at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carol J.C. Peverly", is positioned above the typed name.

Carol J.C. Peverly
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Enclosure

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Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group

April 26, 2013

Margaret Brodie, Director
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Anchorage, Alaska 99503-7167

Dear Ms. Brodie:

We have reviewed Alaska's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-003, received in the Seattle Regional Office on March 29, 2013. This amendment proposes to exclude from coverage benzodiazepines for all conditions and barbiturates for the treatment of epilepsy, cancer and chronic mental health disorders for full benefit dual eligibles as Medicare Part D will provide this coverage.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, SPA 13-003 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2013. A copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Alaska state plan will be forwarded by the Seattle Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Jessica Walker at (410) 786-2457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "L" and "R".

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Carol J.C. Peverly, ARA, Seattle Regional Office
Maria I. Garza, Seattle Regional Office