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RE: Idaho State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-005

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Idaho's SPA Transmittal Number 13-005. This SPA amends Idaho's Medicare/ Medicaid Coordinated Benchmark plan under section 1937 of the Social Security Act in order to update services and expand the geographic service area. This amendment also 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.

The SPA is approved effective January 1, 2013.

If you have any questions, or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Julia Cantu at either julia.cantu@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615- 2339.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol J.C. Peverly".

Carol J.C. Peverly
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cc:
Paul Leary, Medicaid Benefits Administrator
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