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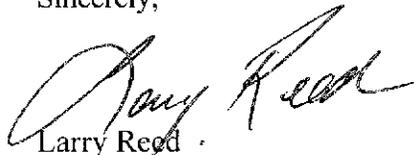
Andy Allison, PhD. Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Allison:

We have reviewed the Kansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-12 received in the Kansas City Regional Office on September 3, 2010. This amendment proposes to reduce the monthly prescription limit for brand name prescriptions from five to four with exceptions for specific beneficiaries and therapeutic drug categories. The State also proposes to eliminate coverage of certain optional over the counter medications and add other categories. Additionally, this amendment proposes to provide coverage for smoking/tobacco cessation products for pregnant women according to the recommendations in "Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence – 2008 Update: A Clinical Practice Guideline published by the Public Health Service, May 2008, or any subsequent modification of this guideline. In addition, per your email of February 23, 2011, the requested change to block seven on the CMS 179 has been made. The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2011.

A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into Kansas's state plan, will be forwarded by the Kansas City Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Madlyn Kruh at (410) 786-3239.

Sincerely,



Larry Reed
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