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John Polanowicz, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mr. Polanowicz:

We have reviewed Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-007, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Boston Regional Office on March 25, 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 eligible as Medicare Part D will provide this coverage. In addition, this amendment proposes to make technical corrections pertaining to other excluded drug categories, as well as add coverage for active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 13-007 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2013. A copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as revised, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Massachusetts state plan will be forwarded by the Boston Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding this SPA, please contact Wendy Tuttle at (410) 786-8690.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

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