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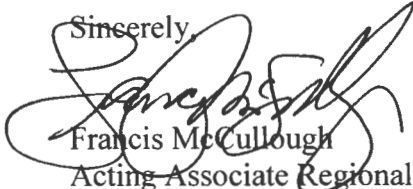
Charles J. Milligan, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary  
Health Care Financing  
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
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Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Milligan:

We have reviewed the Maryland State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-16, which updates dispensing fees to pharmacy providers to reflect current rates. The SPA reduces dispensing fees by five percent. In addition, this amendment adds language regarding coverage of smoking cessation products for pregnant women to the pharmacy section of the State Plan. The pharmacy section has also been reformatted for improved organization and clarity.

The Pharmacy Team at the Division of Pharmacy at Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Headquarters approved this SPA on December 22, 2011. The effective date of the SPA is July 1, 2011. Enclosed are the approved State Plan pages and the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Rosemary Feild at (215) 861-4278, or via e-mail at [rosemary.feild@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rosemary.feild@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,  
  
Francis McCullough  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: T. Simananda - CMCS

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