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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Ms. Mary E. Dalton
State Medicaid Director
Department of Public Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 202951
Helena, Montana 59620-2951

Dear Ms. Dalton:

We have reviewed Montana State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-006, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Regional Office on December 17, 2012. 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.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective January 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Montana state plan, will be forwarded by the Colorado Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Lisa Ferrandi at (410) 786-5445.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Richard C. Allen, ARA, Colorado Regional Office
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