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Vivianne M. Chaumont
Director, Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Ms. Chaumont:

We have reviewed Nebraska's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-01, received in the Regional Office on January 7, 2013. It reflects changes in pharmacy coverage required by Section 175 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 which amended section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) of the Act to include barbiturates "used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or chronic mental health disorder" and benzodiazepines in Part D drug 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 Nebraska state plan, will be forwarded by the Kansas City Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Delaine Deardorff-Beck at (410) 786-2991.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Benton Williams, Kansas City Regional Office
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