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Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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Ms. Harriet Dichter  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Public Welfare  
Health & Welfare Building  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

Dear Secretary Dichter:

We have reviewed Pennsylvania's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-002, which removes the requirement for prior authorization of the drug, Neulasta. The Pharmacy Team at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved this SPA on March 8, 2010, with an effective date of January 1, 2010. Enclosed is the approved SPA page along with the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Cruse of my staff at (215) 861-4216.

Sincerely,



Ted Gallagher  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: John Hummel, DPW