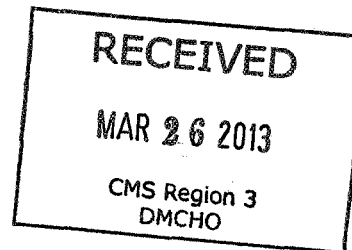




Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group

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Ms. Beverly Mackereth
Acting Secretary of Public Welfare
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
Health & Welfare Building
P.O. Box 8046
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675



Dear Ms. Mackereth:

We have reviewed Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-043, changes in the payment policy for pharmacy services, received in the Regional Office on December 21, 2012. This amendment proposed to remove Depo Provera from the list of drugs requiring prior authorization and add Non-Oral Contraceptives to the list of drugs requiring prior authorization when the prescribed dosage is higher than the dosage recommended by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, this amendment proposed to change the requirement for prior authorization by adding prior authorization requirements for prescriptions of Kalydeco and Korlym.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective December 3, 2012. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Pennsylvania state plan, will be forwarded by the Philadelphia Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Terry Simananda at (410) 786-8144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Reed'.

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Francis McCullough, ARA, Philadelphia Regional Office
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Beverly Mackereth, Acting Secretary
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Dear Acting Secretary Mackereth:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-043, which proposed to remove Depo Provera from the list of drugs requiring prior authorization and add Non-Oral Contraceptives to the list of drugs requiring prior authorization when the prescribed dosage is higher than the dosage recommended by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, this amendment proposed to change the requirement for prior authorization by adding prior authorization requirements for prescriptions of Kalydeco and Korlym.

The effective date of this amendment is December 3, 2012. This SPA was approved by the CMS Pharmacy Team on March 1, 2013. You should have received a letter from Larry Reed, Director of the Division of Pharmacy.

Enclosed are copies of the approved SPA pages and the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mary McKeon at (215) 861-4181.

Sincerely,

Francis T. McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Daniel Sorge, DPW, Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
Terry Simananda, Division of Pharmacy, CMCS