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Prudencio A. Laureano-Diaz
Executive Director
Puerto Rico Medicaid Program
Puerto Rico Department of Health
P.O. Box 70184

Dear Mr. Laureano-Diaz:

We received a copy of Larry Reed's letter to you, in which he notified you of the approval of Puerto Rico's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-002. This amendment proposed 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.

Mr. Reed advised you that New York Regional Office would forward you the signed CMS-179 form as well as copies of the approved pages, these documents are enclosed. The revised pages of attachment 3.1-A, page 10a and 10b and attachment 3.1-B, page 10a and 10b submitted to our office on June 18, 2013 have replaced the corresponding pages that were originally into the Puerto Rico state plan. Please note the approval date of the SPA is June 20th, 2013 and the effective date is January 1, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse M. Salce at (212) 616-2411.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Melendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Cc. Delaine Deardorff-Beck, CMS Division of Pharmacy