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Cynthia B. Jones, Director
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Approval-VA SPA 12-14, Part D Coverage of Benzodiazepines and Barbiturates

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to inform you of the approval of Virginia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-14 entitled Part D Coverage of Benzodiazepines and Barbiturates. The Pharmacy Team at CMS approved this SPA on January 22, 2013 and you were duly notified. This SPA 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 eligibles as Medicare Part D will provide this coverage.

The effective date of this amendment is January 1, 2013. Enclosed are the approved State Plan pages and a copy of the signed Form CMS-179.

If you have any questions about this SPA, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko of my staff at 215-861-4288.

Sincerely,

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

Francis McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures