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Dear Mrs. Joseph-Rhymer:

We have received a copy of Larry Reed's letter to you, in which he notified you of the approval of the Virgin Islands' Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-001. This SPA was received in our office on May 9, 2011. This amendment implements a Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) program, CIGNA, to provide access to prescription drugs covered on the contractor's formulary with the exception of excluded drugs that are covered under Medicare Part-D for the dual eligibles. Additional prescriptions, including certain high cost drugs, may be covered with prior authorization. We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective April 1, 2011.

Mr. Reed advised you that the New York Regional Office would forward you the signed CMS-179 form as well as copies of the approved pages. These documents are enclosed.

Please note the approval date of this SPA is March 19, 2012 and the effective date is April 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana J. Balbuena at (212) 616-2410.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Melendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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