



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

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MaryAnne Lindeblad, Director
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RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 12-021

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Pharmacy Team recently approved Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-021.

Although the Pharmacy Team has already sent the State a copy of the approval for this SPA, the Seattle Regional Office is following up with an additional copy for the reason that we were in receipt of the original, signed amendment request.

Therefore, enclosed you will find a copy of the official CMS form 179, amended page(s), and copy of the approval letter from the Pharmacy Team for your records.

If you have any questions concerning the Seattle Regional Office role in the processing of this SPA, please contact me, or have your staff contact Tania Seto at (206) 615-2343 or via email at Tania.Seto@cms.hhs.gov.

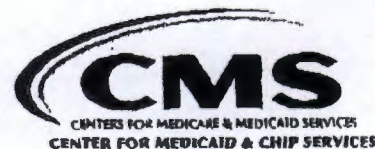
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol J.C. Peverly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" and last name "Peverly" clearly distinguishable.

Carol J.C. Peverly
Associate Regional Administrator
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Enclosure

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Attn: Ann Myers

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

We have reviewed Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-021, Tobacco Cessation Drugs, received in the Regional Office on August 22, 2012. Under this SPA, Washington is expanding the language regarding drug coverage for tobacco cessation drugs for pregnant women to comply with section 4107 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This provides for Medicaid coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women, including both counseling and pharmacotherapy, without cost sharing.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective July 1, 2012. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Washington state plan, will be forwarded by the Seattle 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', is written over the typed name.

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Carol Peverly, ARA, Seattle Regional Office
Tania Seto, Seattle Regional Office