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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 601 E. 12th St., Room 355 Kansas City, Missouri 64106 Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group



April 8, 2025

Luz E. Cruz Romero Medicaid Director Department of Health P.O. Box 70184 San Juan, PR 00936-8184

Re: State Plan Amendment (SPA) PR-24-0012

Dear Director Cruz:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed our review of the proposed amendment submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0012. This plan amendment was submitted to enable Puerto Rico to enter into direct arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for supplemental rebates and value-based or outcomes-based agreements.

This letter informs you that Puerto Rico's Medicaid State Plan Amendment, TN 24-0012, was approved on April 7, 2025 and will be effective on January 1, 2025. Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and the approved State Plan Amendment pages that should be incorporated into the Puerto Rico State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse Salce at 212-616-2411 or by email at Ivelisse.Salce@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Ruth A. Hughes, On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

cc: Charlotte Hammond Lisa Shochet

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#### STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT STATE / TERRITORY: COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

### AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY

#### Description of Limitation

11.a. Physical therapy and or chiropractor services as determined medically necessary.

- a. Initial 15 sessions available without prior authorization.
- b. Additional sessions require prior authorization.
- c. The physical therapy treatment limit is combined with the limit for chiropractic care.

#### 12.a. Prescribed drugs

Puerto Rico will provide coverage and reimbursement for covered outpatient drugs consistent with prior authorization and other requirements as set forth under Section 1927 of the Social Security Act.

Based on the requirements for Section 1927 of the Act, Puerto Rico has the following policies for the supplemental drug rebate program for the Medicaid population:

- a. CMS has authorized Puerto Rico to enter into a direct agreement with pharmaceutical manufacturers for a supplemental drug rebate program. The supplemental rebate agreement, titled "The Puerto Rico Medicaid Supplemental Rebate Agreement," is effective January 1, 2025.
- b. If the agreement changes, it will be submitted to CMS for approval.
- c. Supplemental rebates received by Puerto Rico under this agreement that are in excess of those required under the national drug rebate agreement will be shared with the federal government on the same percentage basis as applied under the national drug rebate agreement.
- d. All drugs covered by the program, irrespective of a supplemental agreement will comply with provisions of the national drug rebate agreement.
- e. CMS has authorized Puerto Rico to enter into voluntary value/outcomes-based contracts with manufacturers. The conditions of the value/outcomes-based contract would be agreed upon by both the state and manufacturer.