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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group

January 28, 2014

Andrew Allison, PhD
Director
Division of Medical Services
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Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

Attention: Glenda Higgs

Dear Dr. Allison

We have reviewed Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) TN. 13-027 received in the Dallas regional office on December 18, 2013. This amendment proposed a removal of the optional coverage of benzodiazepines, barbiturates and smoking cessation medications from the excludable drug category. This change would make these drugs covered for Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries.

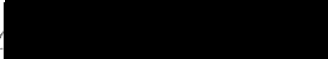

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Arkansas state plan, will be forwarded by the Dallas Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Emeka Egwim at (410) 786-1092.

Sincerely,



Kim Howell
Acting Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS, Dallas Regional Office
Stacey Shuman, CMS, Dallas Regional Office

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 2013-027	2. STATE ARKANSAS
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2014	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 2502 of the Social Security Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2014 \$-0- b. FFY 2015 \$-0-	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 3.1-A, Page 5a Attachment 3.1-B, Page 4g		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 3.1-A, Page 5a, Approved 09-25-12, TN 12-12 Attachment 3.1-B, Page 4g, Approved 09-25-12, TN 12-12	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The Arkansas Title XIX State Plan has been amended to remove as optional coverage barbiturates and benzodiazepines and smoking cessation medications for Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Division of Medical Services PO Box 1437, Slot S295 Little Rock, AR 72203-1437 Attention: Glenda Higgs	
13. TYPED NAME: Andrew Allison, PhD			
14. TITLE: Director, Division of Medical Services			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: December 18, 2013			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: 18 December, 2013		18. DATE APPROVED: 28 January, 2014	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1 January, 2014		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health	
23. REMARKS:			

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF
SERVICES PROVIDED

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MEDICALLY NEEDY

12. Prescribed drugs, dentures and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist

a. Prescribed Drugs

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- (2) Effective January 1, 2006, the Medicaid agency will not cover any Part D drug for full-benefit dual eligible individuals who are entitled to receive Medicare benefits under Part A or Part B.
- (3) The Medicaid agency provides coverage, to the same extent that it provides coverage for all Medicaid recipients, for the following excluded or otherwise restricted drugs or classes of drugs, or their medical uses – with the exception of those covered by Part D plans as supplemental benefits through enhanced alternative coverage as provided in 42 C.F.R. §423.104 (f) (1) (ii) (A) – to full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Part D.

The following excluded drugs, set forth on the Arkansas Medicaid Website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us/InternetSolution/Provider/pharm/scripinfo.aspx#1927d), are covered:

- a. select agents when used for weight gain:
 - Androgenic Agents
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 - B 12; Folic Acid; Vitamin K
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- (4) The State will reimburse only for the drugs of pharmaceutical manufacturers who have entered into and have in effect a rebate agreement in compliance with Section 1927 of the Social Security Act, unless the exceptions in Section 1902(a)(54), 1927(a)(3) or 1927(d) apply. The State permits coverage of participating manufacturers' drugs, even though it may be using a formulary or other restrictions. Utilization controls will include prior authorization and may include drug utilization reviews. Any prior authorization program instituted after July 1, 1991 will provide for a 24-hour turnaround from receipt of the request for prior authorization. The prior authorization program also provides for at least a 72 hour supply of drugs in emergency situations.

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