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Mr. Nicholas A. Toumpas Commissioner State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857

Dear Mr. Toumpas:

We have reviewed New Hampshire State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-005, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Regional Office on March 27, 2013. This amendment 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 eligible as Medicare Part D will provide this coverage.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective January 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the New Hampshire state plan, will be forwarded by the Boston Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Lisa Ferrandi at (410) 786-5445.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed Director Division of Pharmacy

cc: Dawn Landry, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Richard McGreal, ARA, Boston Regional Office Joyce Butterworth, Boston Regional Office