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August 12, 2010

Michael P. Starkowski, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Starkowski:

On August 11, 2010, our Central Office sent you a letter approving your proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 09-022. This letter transmits the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179) and the approved State Plan pages.

SPA 09-022 proposed to amend the State's approved Title XIX State Plan to reduce the maximum allowable cost paid for selected multi-source drugs from average wholesale price (AWP)-40% to AWP-45 %; require pharmacy providers to obtain prior authorization for certain drugs that are either high cost, subject to misuse or subject to excessive or inappropriate utilization, as determined by the State; change the prior authorization requirements for early refills from 75% to 85% of days supply; and allow the dispensing of an automatic fourteen (14) day supply of a drug when no prior authorization has been requested and granted.

Please note that we approved this SPA effective October 1, 2009 as requested by the State.

Changes are reflected in the following sections of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 3.1-A, Addendum pages 10, 11, 11a, 11b
- Attachment 3.1-B, Addendum pages 10, 11, 11a, 11b
- Attachment 4.19-B, page 2

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Julie McCarthy (617) 565-1244 or by e-mail at Julie.McCarthy@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Mark Schaefer, Director, Medical Care Administration

Enclosure/s