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**Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services**

**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Jennifer H. Vermeer  
Medicaid Director  
Iowa Department of Human Services  
100 Army Post Road  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0114

Dear Ms. Vermeer:

We have reviewed Iowa State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-017, Reimbursement for Drugs, received in the Regional Office on September 12, 2011. This amendment removes coverage for agents when used for anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain and agents when used for symptomatic relief of cough and colds, except nonprescription cough and cold products. We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective September 1, 2011.

A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Iowa State Plan will be forwarded by the Kansas City Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Steven Johnson at (410) 786-3332.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed  
Director  
Division of Pharmacy

cc: James Scott, ARA Kansas City Regional Office  
Narinder Singh, Kansas City Regional Office