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January 4, 2013

Ms. Patricia Casanova  
Director of Medicaid  
Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning  
402 West Washington Street, Room W382  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Casanova:

We have reviewed Indiana State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-012, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Regional Office on November 1, 2012. This amendment updates the state plan to comply with section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) of the Act, as amended by a Section 175 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), which requires Part D drug coverage of barbiturates used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder and benzodiazepines effective January 1, 2013.

Barbiturates and benzodiazepines are among the excluded drugs that a state can elect to cover for its Medicaid beneficiaries. Since the coverage of barbiturates under Part D is limited to the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or a chronic mental health disorders, through SPA 12-012 the state has indicated that it will continue to cover barbiturates to the extent it covers that drug for a condition other than the three covered by Part D. The coverage of benzodiazepines under Part D is inclusive of all indications so state coverage will only be for non-dually eligible beneficiaries. We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective January 1, 2013.

A copy of the HCFA-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Indiana state plan, will be forwarded by the Chicago Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Wendy Tuttle at (410) 786-8690.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed  
Director  
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Verlon Johnson, Associate Regional Administrator, Chicago Regional Office  
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