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**Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Ms. Ann Berg  
Deputy Medicaid Director  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
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Dear Ms. Berg:

We have reviewed Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-002, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Regional Office on March 28, 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 Minnesota state plan, will be forwarded by the Chicago 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: Sean Barrett, Minnesota Department of Human Services  
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Courtenay Savage, Chicago Regional Office