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John B. McCarthy
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Dear Mr. McCarthy:

We have reviewed the Ohio State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-003 received in the Chicago Regional Office on March 28, 2013. The State of Ohio proposes to discontinue covering claims for dual eligible beneficiaries when prescribed barbiturates for the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or a chronic mental health disorder and benzodiazepines for all indications as Medicare Part D will provide this coverage effective January 1, 2013. Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 13-003 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the state plan will be forwarded by the Chicago Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Madlyn Kruh at (410) 786-3239.

Sincerely,

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Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Verlon Johnson, ARA, Chicago Regional Office
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