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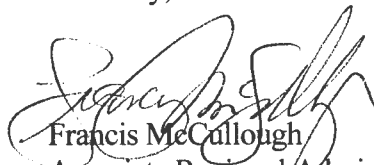
Dear Secretary Alexander:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-014, Changes in Payment Policy for Pharmacy Services. This SPA proposes to add Opiate Dependence Agents, which includes Buprenorphine Agents, and Antipsychotics, which includes Atypical Antipsychotics and Conventional Antipsychotics, to the Preferred Drug List (PDL). The State will still require prior authorizations on these covered outpatient drugs.

Enclosed are the approved SPA page and the signed CMS-179 form. The effective date of this amendment is August 8, 2011.

If you have any questions, you may contact Harry Mirach at (215) 861-4284 or Kia Banton at (215) 861-4252.

Sincerely,

  
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Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures (2)

cc: Leesa Allen, Director, Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning, OMAP