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Beverly Mackereth  
Acting Secretary of Public Welfare  
Department of Public Welfare  
Room 333, Health & Welfare Building  
P.O. Box 2675  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Dear Acting Secretary Mackereth:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-003 which reflects changes to the limits on payments for pharmacy services as requested in the Companion Letter to Pennsylvania SPA 12-024, such as removing non-prescription products that do not meet the definition of a covered outpatient drug from the pharmacy plan pages as these products may be eligible for coverage under other Medicaid benefit categories.

The effective date of this amendment is January 4, 2013. This SPA was approved by the CMS Pharmacy Team on March 7, 2013. You should have received a letter from Larry Reed, Director of the Division of Pharmacy.

Enclosed are copies of the approved SPA pages and the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mary McKeon at (215) 861-4181.

Sincerely,

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Francis T. McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Daniel Sorge, DPW, Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning  
Terry Simananda, Division of Pharmacy, CMCS



**Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group**

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Ms. Beverly Mackereth  
Acting Secretary of Public Welfare  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Public Welfare  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning  
Health & Welfare Building  
P.O. Box 8046  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

Dear Ms. Mackereth:

We have reviewed Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-003, changes in the payment policy for pharmacy services, received in the Regional Office on January 3, 2013. This amendment reflects changes to the limits on payments for pharmacy services as requested in the Companion Letter to Pennsylvania SPA 12-024, such as removing non-prescription products that do not meet the definition of a covered outpatient drug from the pharmacy plan pages as these products may be eligible for coverage under other Medicaid benefit categories.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective January 4, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Pennsylvania state plan, will be forwarded by the Philadelphia Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Terry Simananda at (410) 786-8144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Larry Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Reed  
Director  
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Francis McCullough, ARA, Philadelphia Regional Office  
Mary McKeon, Philadelphia Regional Office