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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Mr. Steven M. Costantino
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
57 Howard Avenue
LP Building
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

Dear Mr. Costantino:

We have reviewed Rhode Island State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-009, Prescribed Drugs, received in the Regional Office on July 1, 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 April 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Rhode Island state plan, will be forwarded by the Boston 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: EOHHS Policy Office
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