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September 20, 2011

Larry Iversen
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Dear Mr. Iversen:

We have reviewed South Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-007 received in the Denver Regional Office on June 29, 2011. This amendment changes the reimbursement methodology for the estimated acquisition cost (EAC) from average wholesale price (AWP) less 13 percent to AWP less 15 percent. It also reduces the dispensing fee from \$4.75 to \$4.30. We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective July 1, 2011.

A copy of the pages approved for incorporation into the South Dakota's State Plan will be forwarded by the Denver Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Angel Davis at (410) 786-4693.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Richard Allen, ARA DMCHO Denver Regional Office Diane Dunstan-Murphy, Denver Regional Office

23. REMARKS:

FORM CMS-179 (07-92)

ATTACHMENT 4.19-B PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

12a. Prescription Drugs

Payment will be the lower of the usual and customary charge to the general public and the upper limit for multiple source drugs as listed in Part 6 of the State Medicaid Manual plus a dispensing fee, or the estimated acquisition cost (EAC) plus a dispensing fee. In addition, the State agency will maintain a list of drugs for which payment will be limited to the lower of a state maximum allowable cost (SMAC) plus a dispensing fee or the pharmacy's usual and customary charge for the product. SMAC drugs are widely and consistently available to South Dakota pharmacies at a price that is less than average wholesale price (AWP).

The agency establishes the EAC first utilizing the monthly First DataBank listing or, for items not in the First DataBank list, the Redbook and:

- Using the AWP less 15% for all other substances except for items listed under the SMAC;
 or
- 2. Using the average of the AWP less 15% for all generic products available for a specific drug listed on the SMAC.

The dispensing fee of \$4.30 was established using information received from participating pharmacies relative to their costs of operating the prescription department within the store and the volume of prescriptions dispensed. An additional \$.80 is added to the dispensing fee for unit dose dispensing.

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