



Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group

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Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency for Human Services
Department of Vermont Health Access
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ATTN: Stephanie Beck

Dear Secretary Racine:

We are pleased to inform you that Vermont SPA 13-003 is approved, effective January 1, 2013. Under this amendment, the State of Vermont revised the Vermont multi-state supplemental rebate agreement (SRA) version for "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool previously authorized by CMS under Vermont SPA 09-007. The state proposes several editorial changes and adds the provision that manufacturers must notify the state if any covered products will be a line extension drug. This SPA allows the state to continue to collect supplemental rebates for outpatient prescription drugs to Vermont's Medicaid beneficiaries using the revised SRA under the SSDC multi-state purchasing pool.

Based upon the information provided, we believe this amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Medicaid program, is designed to increase the efficiency and economy of the Medicaid program and benefits Medicaid beneficiaries. Approval of Vermont SPA 13-003 extends only to Vermont's SRA submitted on December 4, 2012 with the SSDC Member States' Addendum to the SRA also submitted to CMS on December 4, 2012. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA, a new SPA and any required documents should be submitted to CMS for review and authorization.

The Boston Regional Office will forward to you a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Vermont Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,

/s/

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