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Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency of Human Services
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Dear Secretary Racine:

On May 16, 2013, our Central Office sent you a letter approving your proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 13-005. This letter transmits the Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material (CMS-179) and the approved State Plan pages.

SPA 13-005 proposed to amend the State's approved Title XIX State Plan. Under this SPA, the State proposed changes in pharmacy coverage as required by Section 175 of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 which amended section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) of the Act to include barbiturates "used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or a chronic mental health disorder" and benzodiazepines in Part D drug coverage effective as of January 1, 2013. This SPA was approved effective January 1, 2013.

Changes are reflected in Attachment 3.1-A, Page 5a1 of your approved State Plan.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz at (617) 565-1257.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard R. McGreal
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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