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Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Agency for Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, Vermont 05495

Attention: Ashley Berliner

Dear Secretary Racine:

We have reviewed Vermont State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-005 received in the Boston Regional Office on March 12, 2013. Under this SPA, the state proposes 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.

We are pleased to inform you that Vermont SPA 13-005 is approved, effective January 1, 2013. 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/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Richard McGreal, ARA, Boston Regional Office
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