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Marsha K. Morris
Commissioner
Bureau for Medical Services
350 Capitol Street, Room 251
Charleston, WV 25301-3706

Dear Ms. Morris:

We have reviewed West Virginia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 08-12, received in the Philadelphia Regional Office on September 30, 2008. This amendment proposes to initiate West Virginia's participation in the Sovereign States Drug Consortium (SSDC) Pool Agreement. The revised State Plan will allow the State to negotiate directly with manufacturers in order to collect supplemental rebates.

Based upon the information provided, we are pleased to inform you the West Virginia SPA 08-12 is approved effective August 1, 2008. A copy of the form CMS-179 as well as the page approved for incorporation into the West Virginia state plan will be forwarded by the Philadelphia Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please call Madlyn Kruh at (410)786-3239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deirdre Duzor".

Deirdre Duzor
Director, Division of Pharmacy

cc: Ted Gallagher, ARA, Philadelphia Regional Office
Donna Fischer, Philadelphia Regional Office