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Kevin W. Concannon  
Director  
Department for Human Services  
1305 E. Walnut Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114

Dear Mr. Concannon:

We have reviewed Iowa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 05-030 received in the Kansas City Regional Office on November 29, 2005. This amendment would allow Iowa to enter into "The Sovereign States Drug Consortium" (SSDC) Medicaid Multi-State Purchasing Pool in order to collect supplemental rebates for Iowa's Medicaid beneficiaries. We believe this amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Medicaid program and is designed to increase the efficiency and economy of the Medicaid program and benefit Medicaid beneficiaries.

Based upon the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that Iowa SPA 05-030 is approved, effective January 1, 2006. Approval of Iowa SPA 05-030 extends only to Iowa's SRA with its Attachments and the SSDC Member States' Addendum to the SRA submitted to CMS on July 19, 2006. If changes are subsequently made to the SRA, Attachments or the Addendum a new SPA and any required documents should be submitted to CMS for review and authorization.

The Kansas City Regional Office will forward to you a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Iowa Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Yolanda Reese at (410) 786-9898.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Duzor  
Director  
Division of Pharmacy

cc: James Scott, ARA, Kansas City Regional Office  
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