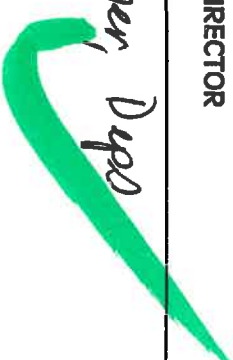


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Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-001 received in the Atlanta Regional Office on January 13, 2009. Under this SPA, South Carolina proposes to eliminate Medicaid coverage of cough/cold medications, effective February 1, 2009. This South Carolina SPA 09 001 complies with the requirements of section 1927(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (the Act) that specifies the Medicaid program may exclude or otherwise restrict coverage of a covered outpatient drug if the drug or class of drug or its medical use is an agent used for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds.

A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the approved SPA pages will be forwarded by the Atlanta Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,

Larry Reed

Director

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