

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 100368	Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Keck, Dept, CMS file, Chavis</i>	Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Dear Mr. Keck:

We have reviewed South Carolina State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-017 received in the Atlanta Regional Office on September 28, 2011. Under this SPA, the State proposes to change the Medicaid reimbursement for covered outpatient prescriptions to average wholesale price (AWP) minus 16 percent and the dispensing fee to \$3.00 in the Prescribed Drug section of the State plan to be consistent with the same reimbursement methodology and dispensing fee recently approved under South Carolina Frontis SPA 11-011. In addition, the State proposes to include wholesale acquisition cost 0.8 percent as a pharmacy reimbursement methodology which is comparable to AWP minus 16 percent. We are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 11-017 is approved, effective November 1, 2011.

The Atlanta Regional Office will forward to you a copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the South Carolina Medicaid State Plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Bernadette Leeds at (410) 786-9463.

Sincerely,


Larry Reed
Director
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