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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

June 28, 2022

Dawn Stehle
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Dear Dawn Stehle,

The CMS Division of Pharmacy team has reviewed Arkansas' State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0006 received in the CMS Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group on February 8, 2022. This SPA proposes to authorize the state to enter in Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) rebate agreements with drug manufacturers for drugs provided under the Medicaid program. This SPA also requests to allow the state to join a multi-state Preferred Drug List pool.

Based on the information provided and consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 430.20, we are pleased to inform you that SPA 22-0006 is approved with an effective date of May 1, 2022. Our review was limited to the materials necessary to evaluate the SPA under applicable federal laws and regulations.

We are attaching a copy of the signed CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into Arkansas' state plan. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Terry Simananda at (410) 786-8144 or terry.simananda@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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