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Dear Ms. Sam-Louie:

The Department of Health Care Services wishes to withdraw State Plan Amendment (SPA) 09-021A. This SPA was originally submitted as SPA 09-021 on October 5, 2009. On November 23, 2011, the state requested that SPA 09-021 be divided into two separate SPAs: 09-021A and 09-021B. SPA 09-021B was subsequently approved on January 30, 2014.

SPA 09-021A proposed modifications to the state's "Payment Methodology for Prescription Drugs" as described in Supplement 2 to Attachment 4.19-B. DHCS intends to submit a new SPA addressing the state's payment methodology for prescription drugs consistent with the requirements of the Final Rule on Covered Outpatient Drugs and state law prior to June 30, 2017, with an effective date of April 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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