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Attn: Children and Adults Health Programs Group  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Mail Stop - S2-01-16

Re: NYS Child Health Plan Title XXI Evergreen  
Disaster SPA Activation Letter

Dear Ms. Singleton:

I am writing in follow up to my January 13, 2023, March 24, 2023, and April 27, 2023 letters regarding New York's request to activate Child Health Plus Evergreen Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment. Specifically, the program is requesting approval to maintain a child's enrollment for failure to pay the family premium contribution until a full renewal has been completed. Once the renewal has been completed, rules previously in place regarding collection of the family premium contribution will resume to what they were prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Specifically, effective May 12, 2023, New York will resume terminations for failure to pay premiums following the 30-day premium grace period for all enrollees who have had a renewal within the last 12 months. Terminations for failure to pay premiums will not begin until July 31, 2023. The state will resume implementation of this policy on a rolling basis as renewals are conducted through the state's COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, scheduled to end May 31, 2024. Effective June 1, 2024, New York will resume the standard, approved state plan policies related to premium collection and terminations for failure to pay premiums.

Please feel free to contact me at (518) 473-0566 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
/Signed by Gabrielle Armenia/

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