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Dear Dr. Williamson:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 10, submitted on December 10, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has a retro-active effective date of January 1, 2011, for extending CHIP eligibility to children of employees of public agencies who are otherwise eligible under the State plan. The State will provide this coverage in accordance with the maintenance of effort (MOE) exception to the exclusion of employees of a public agency of a State, in accordance with section 10203 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

The State will delay the application of its three month waiting period for children of employees of a public agency (state employees and public education employees), who transition from other health insurance, during a temporary transition period of six months. After the six month transition period, the State's waiting period policy will apply to children of employees of a public agency.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Amy Lutzky. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Lutzky's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Lutzky and to Ms. Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Glaze's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV