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Ms. Lesley Cummings
Executive Director
The California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
1000 G Street, Suite 450
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Dear Ms. Cummings:

We are pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA), submitted June 30, 2009, with additional information submitted November 2, 2009 has been approved.

This amendment permits California to expand eligibility to lawfully residing children with a family income up to 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) statewide, and up to 300 percent of the FPL in four counties (Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara) as authorized by section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009. California is also permitted to shift the costs of Medicaid presumptive eligibility from title XXI to title XIX for children found to be eligible for Medi-Cal as also authorized by CHIPRA.

This SPA has a retroactive effective date of April 1, 2009.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Mr. Silverman's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Ms. Gloria Nagle, Associate Regional Administrator in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Nagle'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, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: CMS Region IX, San Francisco