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Dear Mr. Heller:

Your ninth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on May 4, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted on June 28, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of May 1, 2010.

This SPA allows Colorado to obtain Federal matching funds to expand the upper income eligibility level for targeted low-income children from 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to 250 percent of the FPL. Children in this new expansion group will be subject to a premium. The State projects it will provide coverage to an additional 6,300 children in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010, and an additional 15,000 children FFY 2011.

We note that the eligibility standards, methodologies and procedures (including the imposition of premiums) applicable to the new expansion group are less restrictive than those in effect on March 23, 2010, since these children would not have been eligible at all on that date. Thus, there is no issue related to the CHIP maintenance of effort requirements under section 2101(b) of the Affordable Care Act.

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

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