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Washington, DC 20201

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Mr. Mark Schaefer
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Medical Care Administration
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Dear Mr. Schaefer:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan Amendment (SPA) #6 submitted July 30, 2008, with additional information submitted June 19, 2009, has been approved.

This amendment makes the following changes to the State plan: provides for expedited newborn applications; waives newborn premiums for 4 months of enrollment; temporarily replaces managed care contracts (MCO) with pre-paid inpatient health plan contracts (PIHP) for delivery of services while those MCO contracts were competitively rebid to reinstate managed care at-risk contracts for Medicaid and CHIP populations; carves out pharmacy services from MCOs and provides these services through fee-for-service; and carves out dental services from MCOs and provides them through an Administrative Service Organization.

This SPA has varying effective dates for these changes: June 11, 2008 (Expedited Newborn applications); January 1, 2008 (newborn premium waiver) and PIHP contracts; February 1, 2008 (Pharmacy carve-out); August 1, 2008 (MCO Contracts); and September 1, 2008 (Dental Carve-out).

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Gagnon and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region I, Division of Medicaid and State Operations. Mr. McGreal's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Dianne Heffron, Acting 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,

/s/

Charlene Frizzera
Acting Administrator

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cc: Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator