

April 24, 2008

Mr. Kevin W. Concannon
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Department of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Concannon:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted October 6, 2007, with additional information submitted on February 8, 2008, and March 6, 2008, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan by expanding the number of counties served by Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa and decreases the number of counties served by Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa. This amendment increases, from 69 to 82, the total number of managed care counties and reduces, from 29 to 17, the remaining fee-for-service counties.

This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2007.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-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 Mr. James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Farrell, 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/

Kerry Weems
Acting Administrator

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cc: CMS Region VII, Kansas City