

**Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification**

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Mr. Charles M. Palmer  
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 16, submitted on March 10, 2011, has been approved. This SPA allows Iowa to implement Express Lane Eligibility under Section 203 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. This SPA has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010.

It is our understanding that the State has agreed to revise the Medicaid application to comply with Section 1902(e)(13)(F) of the Social Security Act. This section requires an Express Lane Agency (Iowa Department of Human Services – Medicaid) to notify the child's family that their information will be shared with the Hawk-I program solely for purposes of determining initial eligibility for child health assistance under the State CHIP plan. This will also ensure that the family may elect to not have their information disclosed for such purposes.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Murphy and to James M. 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. Victoria Wachino, Director, Children and Adults 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: James Scott, ARA, CMS Region VII