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Dear Ms. Swartz:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has approved your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number KS-19-0002, submitted on January 31, 2019. This SPA relates to Modified Adjusted Gross Income eligibility and has an effective date of April 1, 2019.

Through SPA number KS-19-0002, the state updates the supporting document for the CS7 page, which describes the annual update to the upper income standard for CHIP. The supporting document is attached; it supersedes the previously approved supporting document for the CS7 and should be incorporated as an attachment to the current CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Kristin Edwards. She is available to answer questions concerning these amendments. Ms. Edwards' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Kristin Edwards and to Mr. James G. Scott, Associate Regional Administrator in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's address is:

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If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Amy Lutzky, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-0721. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,
/Signed by Anne Marie
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Anne Marie Costello
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James G. Scott, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region VII, Kansas City

Upper Income Limit Methodology for Targeted Low-Income Children

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

CHIP SPA KS-19-0002

STATE:

Kansas

Kansas state law requires that the maximum family income for eligibility as a targeted low-income child in CHIP is 250 percent of the 2008 federal poverty level (FPL). In order to express the equivalent income standard in terms of the current year FPL, the state uses a simple ratio for each household size, expresses the limit as percentage of the current FPL and adopts the highest resulting percentage. This percentage is used for the entire CHIP population for the year. The revision is effective on April 1 of each year.

The income standard equivalent to 250 percent of the 2008 FPL was 225 percent of the FPL in 2013. This amount was converted for use with MAGI-based methodology to 245 percent of the FPL. Each year the state will update the CHIP upper income table below with the current year income standard and submit it to CMS as a state plan amendment.

Year (Beginning April 1)	Upper Income Standard in Current Year FPL
2013	245%
2014	242%
2015	239%
2016	238%
2017	236%
2018	235%
2019	230%