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Dear Dr. Langner:

This is to inform you that Kansas' tenth Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted on September 24, 2010, with additional information submitted on October 27, November 3, and November 4, 2010, has been approved. As provided for in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009, this SPA applies the Medicaid Prospective Payment System (PPS) changes to the State's reimbursement processes for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) effective October 1, 2009

In addition, in accordance with CHIPRA, the State implemented mental health parity changes effective on July 1, 2010. We appreciate Kansas taking actions to come into compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA). We are encouraged by these efforts and remain committed to assisting you as necessary while you work toward compliance with future guidance.

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 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. Victoria Wachino, Director, Family and Children's 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, Kansas City