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Dear Dr. Langner:

We are pleased to inform you that your eighth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on November 6, 2009, has been approved. This SPA expands eligibility for children from 200 up to 241 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) and implements premiums and a period of uninsurance for this eligibility expansion group. It also updates several performance goals and updates Kansas' consultation practices with the Native American population. Lastly, the amendment changes the name of the State Agency from the Division of Health Policy and Finance to the Kansas Health Policy Authority. This SPA has a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2010.

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 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' 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