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Dear Mr. Phillips:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on June 12, 2009 has been approved.

This amendment provides a new source of state share from a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. This SPA will have a retroactive effective date of June 12, 2009.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Casart and to Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region VI, Division of Medicaid and State Operations. Mr. Brooks' address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Dianne Heffron, 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/

Charlene Frizzera
Acting Administrator

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cc: Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region VI Office