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Mr. Don Gregory
State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

The title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #7, submitted January 3, 2011, has been approved. This SPA has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010. This SPA implements the prospective payment system for federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

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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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group at (410) 786-5647.

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We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas