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Mary Mayhew
Commissioner
MaineCare Services
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Dear Ms. Mayhew:

Your seventh title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on June 29, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted in draft form on September 24, 2010 and January 28, 2011, has been approved.

Upon approval, this SPA allows Maine to obtain Federal matching funds to remove eligibility barriers for uninsured non-citizen targeted low-income children, in families with income up to and including 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, and who are lawfully residing in the United States, as permitted by section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). Maine reports an additional 39 children have been made eligible in CHIP, since the implementation of the CHIPRA section 214 coverage option. The State already has an approved Medicaid SPA for the CHIPRA section 214 coverage option, which was approved on December 15, 2009, with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2009.

This SPA also allows Maine to add a disregard for the first \$90 per month of total income earned by each individual in the household unit, effective September 1, 2009. Additionally, this SPA permits Maine to make several technical corrections to the State plan (updates: the background section; administrative processes; quality improvement strategies; outreach activities; State official titles, and the tribal consultation process). In addition, this SPA clarifies the utilization of various grants to fund various health services initiatives. Effective September 1, 2010, this SPA also allows Maine to claim the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for translation services as authorized in CHIPRA.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

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