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Dear Dr. McCaslin:

We are pleased to inform you that the Missouri Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted February 20, 2009, has been approved. This amendment makes several technical corrections and clarifications. Specifically, it makes technical corrections related to the State's premium calculation formula and provides greater detail on the State's premium assistance program. It also changes Missouri's title XXI program name for its separate child health program and for its Medicaid Expansion program. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of May 1, 2009.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is concerned about the State's premium calculation formula and the potential for enrollees to exceed the 5 percent cost-sharing cumulative maximum. Although the State has provided assurances that systems are in place to ensure that premiums are capped so no enrollee exceeds this limit, we strongly encourage the State to regularly monitor the effect of these premiums on enrollees, including surveying enrollees and disenrollees about their experiences. In addition, we want to ensure you are aware of section 504 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, which provides enrollees a minimum grace period before termination of coverage, and which became effective for coverage beginning on or after the February 4, 2009, date of enactment. We will follow up with you on these issues and will be happy to provide assistance as you consider them.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Terri Murphy. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other State 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 for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Region VII, Division of Medicaid and State Operations. Mr. Scott's 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

cc: James Scott, ARA, CMS Region VII