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Dr. Robert L. Robinson
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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 7, submitted on December 8, 2010, has been approved. We appreciate Mississippi taking action to come into compliance with the mental health parity requirements in section 502 of CHIPRA. We are encouraged by these efforts, and remain committed to assisting you as you work toward compliance with future guidance. The SPA has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing regulations to implement the CHIPRA requirements. After final regulations become effective, States will need to demonstrate compliance with the new regulations. CHIP State plan provisions approved prior to the issuance of the final regulations may need to be revised and resubmitted for approval to ensure that the CHIP State plan complies with the final published regulations.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Lutzky and to Ms. Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Glaze's address is:

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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

cc: Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV