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Ms. Teresa J. Smith State Plan Amendment Coordinator Division of Medical Assistance North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services 2501 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2501

Dear Ms. Smith:

Your ninth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on May 6, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted on September 17, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010.

This SPA allows North Carolina to increase copayments for non-emergency use of the emergency room in families with income at or below 150 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) from \$0 to \$10, and in families with income above 150 of the FPL from \$10 to \$25. Additionally, this amendment allows North Carolina to increase copayments for prescription drugs in families with income at or below 150 percent of the FPL from an existing range of \$1 to \$3 to a new range of \$2 to \$5, and in families with income above 150 percent of the FPL, from an existing range of \$1 to \$10 to a new range of \$2 to \$10, depending upon whether it is a generic or brand name pharmaceutical.

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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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Jones 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, Family and Children's 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