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Dear Ms. Chaumont:

Your fourth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on September 30, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted on April 20 and June 29, 2011, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010.

This SPA allows Nebraska to obtain Federal matching funds to expand eligibility to uninsured non-citizen, targeted low-income children who have gross family incomes 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 (CHIPRA) of 2009.

Nebraska anticipates that an additional 502 children will become eligible in Federal fiscal year 2011 as a result of the CHIPRA section 214 eligibility expansion. The State already has an approved Medicaid SPA for the CHIPRA section 214 coverage option; however, it covers both pregnant women and children up to age 19 effective July 1, 2010.

Your title XXI project officer is Terri Murphy. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Murphy's address is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Terri Murphy and to James Scott, Associate Regional Administrator in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott'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:

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