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Washington, DC 20201

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Ms. Lynn Read
Deputy Administrator
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Dear Ms. Read:

We are pleased to inform you that Oregon's title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted September 13, 2007, has been approved. This amendment allows Oregon to require applicants to provide a Social Security Number (SSN) on SCHIP applications for the purpose of making eligibility determinations. Applicants who are members of a religious sect or division of a religious sect that has continuously existed since December 31, 1950, and adhere to its tenets or teachings that prohibit applying for or using an SSN are exempt.

This amendment has a retroactive effective date of October 1, 2007.

Upon receipt of this approval letter, please provide enrollment data for the unborn children, beginning with the effective date of this SPA in the SCHIP Statistical Enrollment Data System.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Silverman's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Ms. Barbara Richards, Acting Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. Richards' address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Susan Cuerdon, 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/

Kerry Weems
Acting Administrator

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cc: CMS Region X, Seattle