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## **Center for Medicaid and State Operations**

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Ms. Elena Nicolella  
Director  
Department of Human Services  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
600 New London Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Ms. Nicolella:

We are writing to inform you that the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA), submitted April 16, 2009, with additional information submitted May 28, 2009, and December 14, 2009, has been approved.

This amendment adds eligibility through the State plan to targeted low-income pregnant women from 185 percent up to including 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).

This SPA effective date for these changes is December 9, 2009.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Gagnon and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region I, Division of Medicaid and State Operations. Mr. McGreal'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, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann  
Director

cc: Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region I Office