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Dear Ms. Forkner:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 5, submitted on June 23, 2010, and additional information submitted on August 3, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has retroactive effective date of October 1, 2010.

This SPA allows South Carolina to convert the State's separate Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) into a Medicaid expansion program. The Medicaid expansion will cover children with income through 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL). The State has confirmed that this will be a seamless transition as children move from the separate CHIP to Medicaid.

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, 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