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Mr. Billy Millwee
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid and
Children's Health Insurance Program
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

The title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendments (SPAs) #23 and #29, submitted May 11, 2010, and January 14, 2010, have been approved. Amendment #23, effective May 1, 2010, allows Texas to obtain Federal matching funds to expand eligibility to uninsured non-citizen targeted low-income children, who have countable family incomes up to and including 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL), and who are lawfully residing in the United States, as permitted by section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). Amendment #29 has an effective date of September 1, 2010, for extending CHIP eligibility to children of employees of public education agencies who are otherwise eligible under the State plan. The State will provide this coverage in accordance with the hardship exception to the exclusion of employees of a public agency of a State, in accordance with section 10203 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Andrea Casart. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Casart's contact information is as follows:

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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: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas