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Ms. Rebecca Mendoza
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Dear Ms. Mendoza:

Your tenth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on June 28, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has various retroactive effective dates. Specifically, this amendment provides an enhanced translation services benefit, effective July 1, 2009; provides for the use of the prospective payment system, effective October 1, 2009; changes the payment methodology for health care providers certified to provide services to children from birth to age three under Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), effective October 1, 2009; implements citizenship documentation, effective January 1, 2010; provides an option to receive concurrent treatment and hospice benefits pursuant to the Affordable Care Act, effective March 23, 2010; increases mental health and substance use disorder services, effective July 1, 2010; and removes cost-sharing for pregnancy related services, effective July 1, 2010.

We appreciate Virginia for taking action to come into compliance with certain provisions of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), including the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. We are encouraged by these efforts, and remain committed to assisting you as you work toward compliance with future guidance.

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

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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: Ted Gallagher, ARA, CMS Region III