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The Honorable Douglas Racine
Secretary
State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
Office of the Secretary
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Secretary Racine:

I am pleased to inform you that Vermont's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 9, submitted on June 26, 2012, has been approved. This SPA implements a premium grace period for children in CHIP; extends CHIP coverage to lawfully residing immigrant children; and implements telemedicine services for children with mental health needs. The effective date for this SPA is July 1, 2011.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Whitaker and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's address is:

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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: Richard McGreal, ARA, CMS Region VIII
Russell Frank, Vermont CHIP Director