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Ms. Susan Dreyfus
Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services
P.O. Box 45010
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Dear Ms. Dreyfus:

Your thirteenth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on June 28, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted on October 26, 2010, has been approved.

This SPA allows Washington to obtain Federal matching funds to implement a new health service initiative (HSI) to fund the Washington Poison Control System and to expand eligibility to uninsured non-citizen optional targeted low-income children, who have gross family incomes up to and including 300 percent of the Federal poverty level, 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). This amendment also eliminates the 3 month sanction for families that have not paid their premium and acknowledges existing practices in Washington's title XXI State Plan that are in compliance with CHIPRA sections 211 (Citizenship Documentation Requirement), 501 (Dental Coverage), and 503 (Prospective Payments for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs).

This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2009, for the HSI, October 1, 2009, for Dental Coverage and the Application of Medicaid FQHC/RHC Payment Requirements to CHIP, January 1, 2010, for the Social Security data match, and April 1, 2010, for the elimination of the 3-month sanction.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Mr. Silverman's 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: Barbara Richards, ARA, CMS Region X