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Charles J. Milligan, Jr.
Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Suite 525
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Dear Mr. Milligan:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 11-04. This amendment clarifies compliance with July 1, 2010 guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid on Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). This SPA serves to update Maryland SPA 09-07, effective April 1, 2009, which provides coverage to qualified alien children with incomes up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and qualified alien pregnant women with incomes up to 250 percent FPL, in accordance with Section 214 of CHIPRA. We understand that the State expanded its definition of those qualifying under this provision in July 2010, conforming to the July 1, 2010 CMS guidance.

The effective approval date for this amendment is January 1, 2011. The signed CMS-179 form and the approved State Plan pages are enclosed. If you have questions about this SPA, please contact Rosemary Feild at 215-861-4278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "G" at the end.

Ted Gallagher
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure