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

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 11-20. This SPA, in accordance with Section 113 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), eliminates the previous requirements for deemed newborn Medicaid eligibility that the newborn must come home from the hospital to live with the mother, remain a member of the mother's household, and that the mother remain eligible for Medicaid, or would remain eligible if still pregnant. By virtue of this change, all newborns born to women covered by Medicaid for the child's birth, including coverage of an alien for labor and delivery as emergency medical services, are now covered as mandatory categorically needy.

The effective date for this amendment is October 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,


for Francis McCullough
Acting Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

Do you know someone who has been denied medical insurance because of a pre-existing condition? If so, they may be eligible for the new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan. Call toll free 1-866-717-5826 (TTY 1-866-561-1604) or visit www.pcip.gov and click on "Find Your State" to learn more.