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Charles J. Milligan Jr., Deputy Secretary
Health Care Financing
MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street, Room 525
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Milligan:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 11-21. This SPA adds language that was inadvertently dropped on Maryland SPA 11-04, which expanded coverage to otherwise pregnant women and children who are aliens, under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Section 214 option. The added language is not directly related to SPA 11-04, but is standard language that addresses interstate residency agreements in determining eligibility for coverage. It is our understanding that this SPA is technical in nature and does not change any policy of the State.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis McCullough".

Francis McCullough
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.