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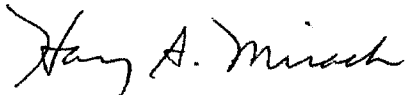
Dear Ms. Jones:

We have reviewed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-09, in which the State amends the Virginia State Plan to conform to federal provisions regarding medical assistance coverage for lawfully residing non-citizen pregnant women in the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization ACT (CHIPRA) changed the requirement set out in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 by permitting States, at their option, to cover certain non-citizen children and pregnant women who are lawfully residing in the United States and otherwise meet the criteria for coverage under Medicaid or CHIP, but who are barred from participation in the program during their first five years of residence in the United States. This SPA will add coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant women through Medicaid.

This SPA is acceptable. Therefore, we are approving SPA 12-09 with an effective date of April 1, 2012. Enclosed are the approved SPA pages and signed CMS-179 form.

If you have further questions about this SPA, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko at (215) 861-4288.

Sincerely,

  
for Francis McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures