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SUBJECT: Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Anniversary

I am pleased to share with you that in celebration of the anniversary of President Obama's signing of the CHIPRA legislation, HHS released the attached report today, "*CHIPRA One Year Later: Connecting Kids to Coverage*," that highlights the progress that States have made over the past year to expand and improve their Medicaid and CHIP programs and our ongoing federal efforts to work with States to implement CHIPRA. Secretary Sebelius has issued a challenge today to all of us at the State, federal and community level to identify and enroll the estimated 5 million children who are already eligible Medicaid or CHIP but are not enrolled over the next five years.

The report includes the most recent enrollment data for children in Medicaid and CHIP. Enrollment increased by 2.6 million children during the last federal fiscal year; nearly 40 million children were served by Medicaid and CHIP in FY 2009. This data is based on information reported by the States through the SEDS system that was developed at the time that CHIP was created in 1998. We will be relying more and more on State information to monitor progress in enrolling eligible children and as always, we appreciate our partnership with the States in administering these critical programs.

The report is available on the Insure Kids Now website at www.insurekidsnow.gov/chip/report.html.