

April 25, 2013

William Heller  
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Dear Mr. Heller:

I am pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 12, submitted on January 23, 2013, with additional information submitted on March 29, 2013, has been approved.

This SPA allows Colorado to make the following changes to its program, effective January 1, 2013.

1. Change Colorado's CHP+ program from a separate program to a combination program and outline the new Federal Poverty Level requirements for children eligible for CHP+ and Medicaid. This CHIP SPA removes these children from the CHIP state plan.
2. Transition pregnant women from coverage in Colorado's 1115 Demonstration to coverage in the CHIP state plan.
3. Add eligibility for children of state employees as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements.
4. Revise the process for enrollment in managed care.
5. Revise language surrounding the ten day noticing procedure.
6. Clarify that families have the option to share information for purposes of determining express lane eligibility.

During the review of this amendment request, it was noted that in some counties of the state, there is only one Managed Care Organization (MCO) available to deliver care for CHIP eligible families. This is not compliant with 1932(a)(4) of the Social Security Act, which requires that individuals be allowed to disenroll from the managed care entity and have the option to receive CHIP health care benefits through alternate means. In our discussions with your staff, we understand that a

second MCO would not be supported in these counties. We will continue to work with the state on a resolution to this issue. We also look forward to reviewing any available reports to assess network adequacy for CHIP enrollees, while providing technical support to assist the state with meeting this requirement.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Victoria Collins. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Collins' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Collins and to Mr. Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Denver Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of Children's Health Insurance Programs (410) 786-5143. Thank you for your continued efforts to improve coverage for Colorado's children and families.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann  
Director

cc: Richard Allen, ARA, CMS Region VIII, Denver