



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Dear Mr. Senior:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 22, submitted on September 20, 2012, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2012.

Through this SPA, the state expands its CHIP to include dependents of public agency employees, who are otherwise eligible under the state plan. The state will provide this coverage in accordance with the maintenance of agency contribution exception to the exclusion of employees of a state public agency. In addition, this SPA clarifies state policies regarding self-declaration of information required for eligibility and the timely processing of claims payments for MediKids and the Children's Medical Services Network.

The state will delay the application of its 60-day waiting period for children of employees of a public agency, who transition from other health insurance, during a temporary transition period, from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. After this transition period, the state's waiting period policy will apply to children of employees of a public agency.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of Children's Health Insurance Programs at (410) 786-5143.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV