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Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification

July 27, 2011

Mr. Billy Millwee Associate Commissioner for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Texas Health and Human Services Commission P.O. Box 13247 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Millwee:

The title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #30 submitted June 20, 2011, has been approved. Amendment #30 has an effective date of September 1, 2011, for extending CHIP eligibility to children of employees of public agencies who are otherwise eligible under the State plan. The State will provide this coverage in accordance with the hardship exception to the exclusion of employees of a public agency of a State, in accordance with section 10203 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Casart and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks' address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann Director

cc: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Region VI, Dallas