



## Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Dear Dr. Allison:

This letter is to inform you that Arkansas's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) #5, submitted June 26, 2012, has been approved. This amendment allows Arkansas to claim federal matching funds to implement a new health services initiative (HSI) to fund the Arkansas Poison Control and Drug Information Center. The effective date for this SPA is July 1, 2011.

This SPA provides funding through the HSI option at section 2105(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act to use up to 10 percent of the available administrative funding to pay for activities that protect public health, protect the health of individuals, improve or promote a state's capacity to deliver public health services, or strengthen the human and material resources necessary to accomplish public health goals relating to improving the health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children in the state.

Arkansas shall ensure that remaining title XXI funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI to the administration of the CHIP program. The state shall report annually to CMS the expenditures funded by the HSI for each federal fiscal year. CMS will work with the state to develop a simple and effective reporting process for these expenditures.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Mr. Burian's contact information is as follows:

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Mr. Burian and to Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region VI, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations. 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, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann  
Director

cc: Bill Brooks, CMS Region VI Office