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Dear Mr. Senior:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 23, submitted on October 5, 2012, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of October 1, 2012.

Through this SPA, the state adopts the policy of provisional CHIP eligibility for up to 60 days for children identified as potentially Medicaid eligible during the eligibility redetermination process. If a Medicaid determination is not complete within 60 days, the CHIP agency will contact the Medicaid agency to determine the reason for the delay. We appreciate the state's coordination between CHIP and Medicaid, and efforts to avoid gaps in children's health coverage. However, to ensure that the Medicaid agency is making timely determinations within the 60 day provisional eligibility period and the state is avoiding ongoing periods of provisional eligibility, we are requesting that the CHIP agency monitor the number of cases where the Medicaid eligibility determination is delayed beyond the 60 days and provide this data to CMS upon request.

This SPA also makes a modification to the state's CHIP twelve month continuous enrollment policy to screen for Medicaid eligibility at annual renewal, or upon the family's request, rather than requiring families to report a decrease in income during the continuous enrollment period.

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. Jennifer Ryan, Acting 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: Jackie Glaze, ARA, CMS Region IV