



Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification

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Mr. Charles J. Krogmeier
Director
Iowa Department of Human Services
1305 E. Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0114

Dear Mr. Krogmeier:

This letter is to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #14 submitted on January 12, 2010, has been approved. The State submitted a revised version of this SPA on February 5, 2010, with additional information submitted on March 24, August 10 and October 7, 2010.

This SPA makes the following changes:

- Provides coverage to lawfully residing children as permitted by section 214 of Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 effective July 1, 2009. Iowa already has an approved Medicaid SPA for the option 214 coverage that was approved on December 17, 2009, with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2009.
- Establishes a supplemental dental-only program for children under section 501 of CHIPRA and updates the dental benefits to meet the CHIPRA guidelines. Both provisions are effective March 1, 2010.
- Implements the 30-day premium grace period requirements to comply with section 504 of CHIPRA.
- Changes the names of managed care plans and expands managed care coverage so there is a choice of plans under hawk-i for all 99 counties in the State effective March 1, 2010.
- Updates the outreach section to include Iowa's numerous efforts to increase enrollment in the Medicaid and CHIP programs.

This SPA also permits Iowa to implement its dental program with only one statewide dental plan, Delta Dental, which is a Primary Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP). Section 2103(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by section 403 of CHIPRA requires State CHIP programs to apply several managed care related requirements of section 1932 of the Act in the same manner as these provisions apply under title XIX of the Act. CMS intends to review State

practices after issuance of the CHIPRA regulations implementing those changes with the understanding the States such as Iowa will comply with them in the future.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Murphy and to Mr. James Scott Associate Regional Administrator in our Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Scott's address is:

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: James Scott, ARA, CMS Region VII, Kansas City