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Dear Dr. Bigby:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 7, submitted on June 28, 2010, with subsequent clarifying information has been approved with an effective date of July 1, 2009.

This SPA provides funding through the Health Services Initiative (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 eight currently State-funded programs. The State 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. In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requests that when possible, the State will use opportunities presented by the HSI funded programs to support related CMS priority initiatives.

The State is approved to employ the HSI option for children under age 19 that receive services through the following programs:

**Healthy Families Program** - A statewide neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting programs for at-risk newborns. The services include home visits in which staff model and support positive parent-child interactions; teach about child development; help the family to provide a safe and enriching environment for children; provide crisis intervention as needed; and connect the family with other services as needed. Children and their families are screened for Medicaid or CHIP eligibility.

**Essential School Health Services Program** - The program provides school-age children with access to their school's health services that include nursing assessment/health education; medication management; and screenings with respect to postural, height/weight, hearing, oral health, and vision. No clinic services are provided.

**Safe Spaces** - Provides suicide prevention and violence prevention programs for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Youth.

**State-Funded WIC** - Provides services through peer counseling and professional medical staff. The services include: breastfeeding support, dietary assessments, nutrition education and counseling, immunization screening, and referrals to other health and social services. The State will not claim title XXI funding for food.

**State Funded School Breakfast Program** - Provides nutritious breakfasts to children on school days and during summer vacation.

**Smoking Prevention and Cessation Programs** - Promotes activities such as interactive websites and short-movie contests to discourage youth from tobacco use. None of the funding will go to Local Boards of Health for compliance checks on retailers.

**Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Project to Prevent Out-of-Home Residential Placements** - Provides support to youth who meet the State's eligibility criteria for services and who receive special education services. The State has assured CMS that the HSI expenditures associated with these services will reflect activities for children who are not eligible for MassHealth.

**The Family Planning Program** - Provides comprehensive family planning services, including complete gynecological and breast exams, cervical cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, contraceptive supplies including emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, follow-up and referral for identified medical problems, and other pre-conception care, and individual health education and counseling. Abortion services are not included in the service package.

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

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

Sincerely,

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