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March 19, 2013

Charles Milligan, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary for Health Care Financing  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
201 West Preston Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Milligan:

I am pleased to inform you that Maryland's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 9, submitted December 20, 2012, has been approved. This SPA allows Maryland to claim federal matching funds to implement a new Health Services Initiative (HSI) to fund the Maryland Poison Center. The effective date for this SPA is January 1, 2013.

This SPA provides funding through the HSI option at section 2105(a)(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.

Maryland 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.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. LaVern Baty. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Ms. Baty's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Baty and to Francis McCullough, Associate Regional Administrator, in our Philadelphia Regional Office. Mr. McCullough's address is:

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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: Francis McCullough, ARA, CMS Region III  
Lori Mayorga, Department of Health and  
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