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Jackie Forba, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Forba

We are pleased to inform you that Montana's request to amend your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), submitted on July 31, 2009, has been approved. This SPA changes Montana's CHIP program from a separate child health program to a combination program. The Medicaid expansion program will be for children for children 6 to 18 years of age whose family income is above 100 percent up to and including 133 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).

The SPA also increases the upper income level for the separate child health program from 175 percent up to and including 250 percent of the FPL. The SPA makes several other changes related to program administration, eligibility determinations, adds benefits and adds a new source of funds (the State Special Revenue Fund). Lastly, the SPA changes the name of the program from Montana Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) to Healthy Montana Kids and Healthy Montana Kids *Plus* (previously Medicaid). This SPA is approved with a retroactive date of October 1, 2009.

Your project officer is Ms. June Milby. Ms. Milby is available to answer any questions you may have concerning your approved State plan and can be reached at (410) 786-8686.

Her contact information is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be submitted simultaneously to Ms. Milby and Mr. Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator in the Denver Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

Denver Regional Office
1600 Broadway, Suite# 700
Denver, Colorado 80202-4967

If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Clarke Cagey, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786- 5647.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosure

CC: Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator, Denver Regional Office