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Ms. Maggie Anderson
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

This letter is to inform you that North Dakota's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #9, submitted June 30, 2011, has been approved. The effective date for this amendment is July 1, 2011. In accordance with sections 501 and 502 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, this amendment adds orthodontia as a dental benefit and removes limits on mental health and substance abuse treatment benefits. This amendment also modifies and updates the CHIP quality and performance measures.

We appreciate North Dakota taking action to come into compliance with the provisions of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) relating to enhanced dental benefits and mental health and substance abuse benefits parity. We are encouraged by these efforts, and remain committed to assisting you as you work toward compliance with future guidance. As you know, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is developing regulations to implement these provisions. CHIP State plan provisions approved prior to the issuance of the final regulations may need to be revised and submitted for approval to ensure that the CHIP State plan complies with the final published regulations.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Martin Burian. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment. Mr. Burian's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Burian and to Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Region VIII, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations. Mr. Allen's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, 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: Richard Allen, CMS Region VIII Office