

May 21, 2009

Ms. Judith Arnold, Director
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Dear Ms. Arnold:

We are pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #11 submitted on May 14, 2007, with additional information and revised State plan pages submitted on July 2, 2007, April 9, 2009, and April 20, 2009, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of September 1, 2007.

This SPA eliminates temporary enrollment in CHIP of children who appear to be Medicaid-eligible at the time of initial application, while their Medicaid eligibility is being determined. However, the State will continue to assist families and facilitate enrollment of their children in Medicaid. The SPA also allows children to remain enrolled in CHIP at the annual re-determination when they appear to be Medicaid eligible until the Medicaid eligibility determination is completed and the child is enrolled in Medicaid. This provision will ensure continuity of care for children during the transition between programs.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Cuneo and to Ms. Sue Kelly, Associate Regional Administrator in our New York Regional Office. Ms. Kelly's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Dianne E. Heffron, 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/

Charlene Frizzera
Acting Administrator

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cc: CMS Region II, New York