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Ms. Sharon L. Carte  
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Dear Ms. Carte:

We are pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) number 10, submitted on March 31, 2011, with additional information submitted May 23, 2011, has been approved.

This amendment implements various changes to West Virginia's CHIP (WVCHIP) plan. Specifically, this SPA 1) expands eligibility from 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to 300 percent of the FPL, effective July 1, 2011; 2) reduces the waiting period for enrollment into the program from a maximum length of 12 months to 3 months for all income groups, effective July 1, 2011; 3) expands vision benefits to WVCHIP Premium members, retroactively effective July 1, 2010; 4) expands coverage of Early Intervention Services to children ages birth through 3 years, who have been assessed and meet the medical necessity criteria for developmental delays, retroactively effective July 1, 2010; and 5) eliminates the annual and lifetime limits on benefits pursuant to section 2711 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, effective July 1, 2011.

We appreciate West Virginia's efforts to come into compliance with certain provisions of the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), including the dental benefit requirements described in section 501, retroactively effective July 1, 2010; the mental health parity requirements in section 502, effective July 1, 2011; and the premium grace period requirements in section 504, effective July 1, 2011. We are encouraged by these efforts and remain committed to our continuing work together.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing regulations to implement the CHIPRA requirements. After final regulations become effective, States will need to demonstrate compliance with the new regulations. CHIP State plan provisions approved prior to the issuance of the final regulations may need to be revised and resubmitted for approval to ensure that the CHIP State plan complies with the final published regulations.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of Children's Health Insurance Programs at (410) 786-5143.

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

Sincerely,

f/s/

Cindy Mann  
Director

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