



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Dear Ms. Casillas:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 19, submitted on June 29, 2012, has been approved.

This amendment implements several changes to California's title XXI state plan. Specifically, this SPA: 1) expands eligibility in the County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP) from 300 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to 400 percent of the FPL in San Mateo County, effective January 1, 2012; 2) eliminates the dental benefit cap, effective October 1, 2011; 3) implements an electronic data match with the Social Security Administration in order to fulfill the citizenship documentation requirements of section 2105(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act); and 4) implements section 2107(e)(1) of the Act that requires CHIP payments to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) comply with the Medicaid payment requirements at Section 1902(bb) of the Act. This SPA will enable California to pay FQHCs and RHCs the currently approved Medicaid Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate for CHIP services. The state will reimburse FQHCs and RHCs the PPS rate retroactive to October 1, 2009, in accordance with the Act.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP related issues. Mr. Silverman's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Ms. Gloria Nagle, Associate Regional Administrator in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Nagle'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: CMS Region IX, San Francisco