



May 30, 2013

Ms. Ruth Kennedy
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number 12, submitted on March 22, 2013, has been approved.

This SPA will allow the state to change the third party administrator of their CHIP program from the state employee preferred provider network (PPO) to Bayou Health, which also administers the state's Medicaid program. The state will maintain its separate CHIP for children from conception to birth, and for children up to age 19 in families with income from 201% to 250% FPL. However, CHIP enrollees will now receive the Medicaid benefits package.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Collins and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks' address is:

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/
Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Mr. Bill Brooks, Assistant Regional Administrator, CMS Region VI, Dallas