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Dear Dr. Bigby:

Your sixth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on March 12, 2010, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted January 24, 2011, January 6, 2012 and January 24, 2012 has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of August 29, 2009 for the coverage of lawfully residing children, October 1, 2009 for updated dental benefits, and March 12, 2010 for the utilization of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) grant funds.

This SPA allows Massachusetts to obtain Federal matching funds to remove eligibility barriers for uninsured non-citizen targeted low-income children, in families with income up to and including 300 percent of the Federal poverty level, and who are lawfully residing in the United States, as permitted by section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA).

Please note that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is aware that the State covers all populations in accordance with PRUCOL, which includes a broader range of populations than those included in the guidance CMS issued regarding section 214 of CHIPRA on July 1, 2010. The State may provide coverage to and claim FFP for only the populations listed in section 4.1.10 of your State Plan, which complies with the July 1, 2010 guidance. The State agreed that all children eligible for coverage under the State plan option will receive the same benefit package, benefit card, and member rights as all other CHIP beneficiaries regardless of whether or not the State is claiming FFP.

This SPA also allows the State to implement the dental benefits as required under section 501 of CHIPRA. The RWJ grant will serve as a source of State share, to increase program enrollment.

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

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