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Dear Mr. Popkin:

We are pleased to inform you that New Jersey's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) #16, submitted on September 30, 2010, with additional information submitted March 23, 2011 and September 22, 2011, has been approved.

This amendment provides for required dental services under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) section 501, implements mental health parity under CHIPRA section 502, and adds a durable medical equipment benefit to the NJ FamilyCare Plan D. These changes have a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2010. In addition, this SPA enhances outpatient rehabilitation services including: physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech pathology; and implements further changes to the NJ Family Care Plan D durable medical equipment benefit, effective July 1, 2011.

We appreciate New Jersey's efforts to come into compliance with certain provisions of CHIPRA, including the dental benefit requirements described in section 501 and the mental health parity requirements in section 502, both retroactively effective July 1, 2010. 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, 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. Ms. Jones' contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification, at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

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