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Ms. Judith Arnold
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Dear Ms. Arnold:

Your thirteenth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on June 30, 2009, with revised State plan pages and additional information submitted on September 3, 2009, and March 15, April 16, and June 30, 2010, has been approved. This amendment has a retroactive effective date of April 1, 2009.

This SPA allows New York to obtain Federal matching funds to expand eligibility to uninsured non-citizen targeted low-income children, who have gross family incomes up to and including 400 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). Upon approval of this SPA, New York estimates that an additional 18,500 children will be made eligible in CHIP. The State anticipates that an additional 360 children will become eligible in Federal fiscal year 2010 as a result of the CHIPRA section 214 eligibility expansion. New York already has an approved Medicaid SPA for the CHIPRA section 214 coverage option, which was approved on March 9, 2010, with a retroactive effective date of April 1, 2009.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Kathy Cuneo. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Cuneo's 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 at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Sue Kelly, ARA, CMS Region II, New York