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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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Dear Ms. Arnold:

I am pleased to inform you that your seventeenth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on March 21, 2011, has been approved. This SPA implements programmatic updates related to the establishment of a centralized enrollment center to process Medicaid renewals, as well as transitions of children that experience a change in circumstance from Medicaid to CHIP at renewal. This SPA also implements an initiative to incentivize the development of patient-centered medical homes for the State's CHIP program.

The implementation of the centralized enrollment center has a retroactive effective date of June 13, 2010, and the implementation of the incentive program for patient-centered medical homes has an effective date of October 1, 2010.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Nelb and to Mr. Michael Melendez, Associate Regional Administrator in our New York Regional Office. Mr. Melendez's address is:

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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: Mr. Michael Melendez, Associate Regional Administrator, Region II