



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Dear Ms. Mohr-Peterson:

This letter is to inform you that Oregon's title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) #18, submitted December 30, 2011, has been approved. This amendment allows Oregon to claim Federal matching funds to implement a new health services initiative (HSI) to fund the Oregon Poison Center. The effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2012.

This SPA provides funding through the HSI option at section 2105(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act to use available Title XXI administrative funding to pay for activities that protect public health, protect the health of individuals, improve or promote a state's capacity to deliver public health services, or strengthen the human and material resources necessary to accomplish public health goals relating to improving the health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children.

The state shall ensure that remaining title XXI funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI to the administration of the CHIP program. The state shall report annually to CMS the expenditures funded by the HSI for each federal fiscal year. CMS will work with the state to develop a simple and effective reporting process for these expenditures.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be submitted simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Ms. Carol Peverly, Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. Peverly's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Children and Adults 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: CMS Region X, Seattle