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Center for Medicaid and State Operations

SHO # 09-001

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Dear State Health Official:

On February 4, 2009, President Barack Obama signed Public Law 111-3, The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, and issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to withdraw the August 17, 2007, and May 07, 2008, letters issued to State Health Officials. Therefore, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is withdrawing these letters and will no longer apply the policies in those letters when reviewing Children's Health Insurance Program State plan amendments or section 1115 demonstration waivers.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Dianne Heffron, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs, who may be reached at (410) 786-3247.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Garner Acting Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

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