

August 18, 1998

Donald E. Williamson, M.D.
State Health Officer
State of Alabama
Department of Public Health
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Dear Dr. Williamson:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) plan amendment has been approved as amended by the clarifications you submitted on June 24, and August 5, 1998. We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of your staff, and extend our congratulations to Alabama on the approval of your plan amendment.

Specifically, this State Plan Amendment will implement Phase II of your CHIP program. Phase II will implement a separate State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP) in addition to the State Medicaid expansion that was implemented on February 1, 1998 as Phase I. The implementation of Phase II will provide insurance to an additional 19,000 children throughout the State by the end of the first year.

Your project officer continues to be Ms. Kathleen Farrell. Ms. Farrell is available to answer any questions concerning the implementation of your Title XXI Program and can be reached at (410)786-1236. Her address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Eugene Grasser, Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and State Operations. Mr. Grasser's address is:

Health Care Financing Administration, Region IV
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Again, we extend our congratulations and look forward to working with you during the course of the program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle
Administrator

cc: Atlanta Regional Office