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Dear Ms. Corbin:

The State wishes to amend the Illinois Title XXI State Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan in order to include unborn children as targeted low-income children under the Plan.

Attached is the Preprint Addition of SCHIP Coverage for Prenatal Care and Associated Health Care Services. Illinois proposes to make this amendment effective January 1, 2003.

Jane Longo, Chief of the Bureau of KidCare is the Department's contact to CMS concerning the Title XXI State Plan. Please contact her at 312-793-5274 or 217-524-7156 with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

/S/

Barry S. Maram  
Director

**Draft Preprint- Addition of SCHIP Coverage for Prenatal Care and Associated Health  
Care Services to the State Child Health Plan**

State/Territory: Illinois  
(Name of State/Territory)

**Section 4. Eligibility Standards and Methodology.** (Section 2102(b))

4.1.2.1 Age: confirmation of pregnancy through birth

4.1.3.1 Income: 0 % of the FPL (and not eligible for Medicaid) through  
200 % of the FPL

Effective Date: January 1, 2003 (date costs begin to be incurred)

Implementation Date: January 1, 2003 (dates services begin to be provided)

**Section 9. Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration**  
(Section 2107)

9.10. Please provide a 1-year projected budget for *all* targeted low-income children covered under the state plan using the attached financial form. Additionally, please provide the following:

Total 1- year cost of adding prenatal coverage: \$133 million

Estimate of unborn children covered in year 1: 41,000

Unborn children, from confirmation of the mother's pregnancy through birth, whose mother is not eligible for Medicaid will be included in the Illinois Title XXI State Plan as targeted low-income children. To be eligible, the pregnant mothers of these children must live in Illinois and have countable income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

Like the benefit package in the State's existing Title XXI State Plan, those made eligible by this amendment will receive benefits that mirror the State's Medicaid plan, except that abortions and home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutionalization will not be provided.

As with pregnant women covered by Medicaid, those made eligible by this amendment will not have cost-sharing responsibilities.