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Dear Ms. Min-DeParle:

I am writing to submit for your review and approval an amendment to California's Title XXI State Plan. The State of California is modifying Section 4.4.4. of its State Plan to comply with the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) policy guidance dated October 6, 1999, regarding Section 2102(b)(3)(D) under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. Section 4.4.4. is being amended to address the exemption of cost sharing for American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Native (AN) children who meet the eligibility criteria for the Healthy Families Program (HFP).

Modifications to California's Title XXI State Plan include a provision to exempt AI/AN families that meet the cost sharing waiver requirements from monthly family contributions and benefit copayments. This exemption will only be granted when the HFP is provided with acceptable documentation for the applicant or child. Acceptable documentation includes:

1. An American Indian or Alaskan Native enrollment document from a federally recognized tribe; or
2. A Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or
3. A letter of Indian Heritage from an Indian Health Service supported facility operating in the State of California.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the applicable modifications made to Section 4.4.4 on page number 29 and 30, specifically the last two bullets on page 30 of the California State Plan.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures**

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**4.4.4.** The provision of child health assistance to targeted low-income children in the state who are Indians (as defined in section 4 (c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1603 (c), (Section 2102)(b)(3)(D)) or who are Alaskan Natives (as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1601).

The provision of child health assistance to low-income children who are American Indians (as defined in section 4 (c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1603 (c), (Section 2102)(b)(3)(D)) or who are Alaskan Natives (as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1601), will be assured through the following procedures:

- Technical assistance by the state American Indian Health Program, Federal Indian Health Services, and tribes in tracking of services to American Indians.
- Inclusion of American Indian ethnicity using the federal definition on the application form for tracking purposes.
- Targeted statewide outreach media campaign and outreach activities through contracts with selected community based organizations providing services to American Indian children to assure that American Indian families are aware of the program throughout the state and to assist children in enrolling in the Healthy Families Program.
- Provision of training to local American Indian clinic staff for outreach and referral to the Healthy Families Program.
- Use of the 30 American Indian primary care clinics (which are CHDP providers) to screen low-income youth, provide initial treatment and referral either to Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.
- ~~Indian children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program will not pay copayments for any services received from Indian Health Service funded clinics.~~
- ~~Provision to exempt American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) families that meet the cost sharing waiver requirements, from monthly premiums and benefit copayments. This exemption will be made only when an AI/AN provides acceptable documentation showing proof of his/her AI/AN status. Acceptable documentation for the applicant or the child includes:~~
  1. ~~An American Indian or Alaskan Native enrollment document from a federally recognized tribe; or~~
  2. ~~A Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; or~~
  3. ~~A letter of Indian Heritage from an Indian Health Service supported facility operating in the State of California.~~