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Ms. Sandra Shewry
Executive Director
Managed **Risk** Medical Insurance Board
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Dear Ms. Shewry:

We **are** pleased to inform you that **your** Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI) plan amendment dated **July** 26, 1999, has been approved with the clarifications you submitted on September 7 and 8, **1999**.

Specifically, this **State Plan Amendment** will expand income **eligibility** for the Healthy Families **Program** by disregarding income between 200 to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for children **ages** one **through** 19, as well as for children under age one with family incomes between 200 and 250 percent FPL. Income eligibility for the Healthy Families Program will be **further** expanded by applying Medi-Cal **income** deductions when determining income eligibility for the Healthy Families Program. The existing Child Health **and** Disability Prevention provider claiming period for services rendered prior to enrollment will also be lengthened from 30 to 90 days.

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

Health Care **Financing** Administration
Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Mail Stop S2-03-18
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland **21244-1850**

Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer **and** to Mr. Richard Chambers, Deputy Administrator, in the **San** Francisco Regional Office. Mr. Chambers' address is:

Health **Care Financing Administration**
Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94105-3903

We look forward to continuing working with you and your staff. This same letter has been simultaneously sent to Dr. Bonta, Director, Department of Health Services.

Sincerely,

/s/

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle
Administrator