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Dear Ms. Biedess:

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment to your Children's Health Insurance Program (title XXI) plan that you submitted on May 26, 1999 has been approved. This amendment imposes premiums on children in families with income between 150 percent and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) effective October 1, 1999. The amendment also revises the phase-in of higher income limits, so that 200 percent FPL will become the upper income limit for the program effective October 1, 1999.

The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to provide information related to areas such as enrollment and administrative simplification, models of successful outreach programs, comprehensive systems and measures of quality care, linkages to other children's health programs, and data options through State letters and through the Departmental website. I hope you will find these resources helpful as you continue to implement your program.

Your project officer continues to be Joan Peterson. Ms. Peterson is available to answer any questions concerning the implementation of your title XXI Program and may be reached at (410) 786-0621. Her address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Richard Chambers, Associate Regional Administrator for the Division of Medicaid and State Operations in the San Francisco Regional Office. Mr. Chambers' address is:

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Again, we extend our congratulations and look forward to working with you during the course of the program.

Sincerely,

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cc: San Francisco Regional Office