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Mr. David W. Hood
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Dear Mr. Hood:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (**CHIP**) plan has been approved as amended by the additional information you submitted on September 25 and October 1, 1998. We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of your staff, and extend our congratulations to the State of Louisiana on the approval of your plan.

Your project officer will be Mr. Edward Tregoe. Mr. Tregoe is available to answer any questions concerning the implementation of your Title **XXI Program** and can be reached at (410)786-8627. His address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Arthur Pagan, Health Insurance Specialist Medicaid and State Operations Division, of our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Pagan's address is:

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1301 Young Street, Box 714
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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 implement your program.

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

Sincerely,

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle
Administrator**

cc: Arthur Pagan, Region VI