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Mr. Thomas W. Bedell
Acting Assistant Secretary
Department of Social and Health Services
Medical Assistance Administration
P.O. Box 45535
Olympia, Washington 90504-5535

Dear Mr. Bedell:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI) plan has been approved as amended by the additional information you submitted on August 6, 18 and 30, 1999. We appreciate your efforts and the efforts of your staff, and extend our congratulations to Washington on the approval of your Title XXI plan.

The Department of Health and Human Services has held several regional meetings across the country to provide States with guidance on designing and implementing their Title XXI plan. Information has been provided 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. We are also maintaining a Departmental website, which I hope you will find helpful as you implement your program.

Your project officer is Linda Welle. Ms. Welle is available to answer your questions concerning the implementation of your Title XXI plan and can be reached at (410) 786-0327. Her address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Elizabeth Trias in the HCFA Seattle Regional Office. The Regional Office address is as follows:

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

Sincerely,

Michael M. Hash
Deputy Administrator