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Mr. James W. Ellenbecker
Secretary
Department of Social Services
700 Governors Drive
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Dear Secretary Ellenbecker:

We are pleased to inform you that your Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI) plan amendment, submitted June 28, 1999, has been approved as amended by the additional information you submitted on September 21, 1999. We appreciate the efforts of your staff, and extend *our* congratulations to South Dakota on the approval of *your* plan amendment.

The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to provide you with information on 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 this amendment to your program.

Your project officer is Saul Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg is available to answer any questions concerning the implementation of your Title XXI Program and can be reached at 410-786-6964. His address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Spencer Ericson in the HCFA Denver Regional Office. The Regional Office 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,

**Michael M. Hash
Deputy Administrator**