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Ms. M. Jane Kitchell
Commissioner
Department of Social Welfare
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont

Dear Ms. Kitchell:

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment your Children's Health Program (CHIP) plan, submitted June 9, 1999, has been approved, enabling Vermont to increase premiums by \$5, to \$25 p a month for households of uninsured children with family incomes between 225% and 500% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). We appreciate the efforts of ^{your} staff, and extend our congratulations to Vermont on the approval of the amendment to your plan,

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 your program.

Your project officer is Mr. Clarke Cagey. Mr. Cagey is available to answer any questions concerning implementation of your Title XXI program and can be reached at (410) 786-7700. His address is:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to the project officer and to Ronald Preston, Associate Regional Administrator for the Division of Medicaid and State Operations in the Boston Regional Office. Mr. Preston's 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**
