

September 30, 2004

Mr. Steve Roling
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Roling:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted on June 30, 2004, has been approved. This amendment updates the SCHIP State plan to exempt children with special health care needs from the State's 6-month period of uninsurance and from the 30-day waiting period. This SCHIP amendment reflects changes made in the State's section 1115 MC+ demonstration.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Tanya Haun. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Ms. Haun's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Haun and Mr. Thomas Lenz, Associate Regional Administrator in the Kansas City Regional Office. Mr. Lenz's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.

cc: CMS Region VII, Kansas City
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