

June 10, 2004

Mr. Karl B. Kurtz
Director
Department of Health & Welfare
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Dear Mr. Kurtz:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State Plan Amendment submitted February 25, 2004, with additional information submitted on May 10, 2004, has been approved. This amendment establishes a separate child health program, CHIP B, to expand coverage to children in families with incomes from 151 percent through 185 percent of the Federal poverty level.

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 to Ms. Karen S. O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. O'Connor'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 X, Seattle