

October 28, 2003

Mr. Joseph E. Davis  
Executive Director, Office of Operations and Eligibility  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
201 W. Preston Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are pleased to inform you that the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted on July 30, 2003, with modifications received on August 26, 2003, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan to reduce the lower eligibility level so that children with family incomes above 185 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) through 200 percent of the FPL are now eligible for the separate child health program.

The approval of your corresponding amendment for Maryland's Medicaid section 1115 demonstration project, "HealthChoice," has been addressed in a separate correspondence.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to your project officer and Ms. Mary McSorley, Associate Regional Administrator, in our Philadelphia Regional Office. Ms. McSorley'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/

Thomas A. Scully

cc: CMS Region III, Philadelphia