

April 2, 2004

Ms. Lynn Dunton
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Dear Ms. Dunton:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted January 14, 2004, with additional information submitted on February 26 and March 5, 2004, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan to impose premiums for enrollees with incomes above 100 to 150 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) and increase premiums for enrollees with incomes above 150 percent of the FPL.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to your project officer and to Ms. Linda Minamoto, Associate Regional Administrator in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Minamoto'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 IX, San Francisco