

September 17, 2004

Mr. Gary B. Redding
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, NW.
Atlanta, GA 30303-3159

Dear Mr. Redding:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted June 21, 2004, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP plan in order to change the enrollment policy so that enrollees are ineligible for reinstatement for 3 months following a cancellation due to nonpayment of premium, increases the waiting period of uninsurance from 3 months to 6 months, and increases monthly premiums for families with children over age 5 with incomes above 150 percent of the Federal poverty level on a sliding scale based on family income.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Babcock and to Mr. Renard Murray, Associate Regional Administrator in our Atlanta Regional Office. Mr. Murray'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 IV, Atlanta