

January 16, 2004

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Dear Mr. Peebles:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted October 31, 2003, with additional information submitted on December 8, 2003, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP Medicaid expansion State plan to reflect the reduction in Medicaid income eligibility level from 200 to 175 percent of the Federal poverty level. The Medicaid State plan amendment which established eligibility to children with family income at or below 175 percent of the Federal poverty level was approved under separate cover on October 23, 2003. The effective date of the approved Medicaid State plan and the corresponding SCHIP plan amendment was September 1, 2003.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Karen 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/

Dennis G. Smith  
Acting Administrator

cc: CMS Region X Office

