



February 13, 2004

Ms. Jenny Babcock
State Children's Health Insurance Program
Health Care Financing Administration
Mail Stop S2-01-16
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear Ms. Babcock

The Department of Community Health, PeachCare for Kids is submitting Amendment #9 to Georgia's State Plan for Title XXI. This amendment is a technical update reflecting a change to provide one single reminder notice to parents for non-payment of premium.

It is our intent that this change will reduce confusion among parents. Previously, two notices were sent to the families. Due to the tight timeframes, the payments and notices are crossing in the mail. This increases anxiety among parents unnecessarily. We propose in this amendment to mail a single notification on the seventh day of the month, ensuring that parents who mail the payment a few days late will not receive a notice, while still leaving adequate time for those who need a reminder to submit their payment.

A single notification is used in Florida and has been equally successful in reminding parents of the need to make payments to ensure the health coverage for their children. We believe emulating their model will increase our members' satisfaction with our communication.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jana Leigh Thomas, PeachCare for Kids Program Director, at (404)657-9506.

Sincerely,

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