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*via Internet: **DMcCarthy@HCFA.gov***

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

I am writing in response to the letter from Cindy Mann regarding the Title XXI state plan amendment submitted by Georgia's CHIP program on December **14, 1999**. To address your issues concerning cost sharing imposed on members of federally-recognized American Indian and Native Alaskan tribes, Peachcare for Kids is submitting **an** addendum to the state plan amendment.

The attached addendum provides that any child who identifies himself **as** an American Indian or Native Alaskan will be notified that, upon receipt of documentation, the monthly premium will be waived. **Any** premiums paid after October 1, **1999** will be reimbursed within **45** days of receipt of documentation. **PeachCare** for Kids will include this information in materials sent to new enrollees to ensure that those not indicating race on the application will be notified of this cost-sharing exemption.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jana Key, Peachcare for Kids Program Director at **(404)657-9506**. **As** the initial amendment will assist nearly 2,000 children regain coverage each month, I **am** sure **you** are as eager as I am to have this amendment approved.

~~Sincerely,~~

Russ Toal

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4.4.4. The provision of child health assistance to targeted low-income children in the state who are Indians (as defined in section 4(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1603(c). (Section 2102)(b)(3)(D))

~~There are no children who meet this definition.~~ There are no federally-recognized tribes in Georgia. Recognizing that a member of a tribe may re-locate to the State. CHIP will exempt children who are members of federally-recognized tribes from the cost-sharing requirements as stipulated in Section 2103(e)(1)(A). Children who identify themselves as American Indian or Native Alaskan on the CHIP application will be notified that, upon receipt of documentation of tribal membership, they will no longer be required to submit monthly premiums. Any premiums paid after October 1, 1999 will be reimbursed within 45 days of receipt of documentation of tribal membership.

The materials sent to all new enrollees will include information on the cost-sharing exemption for members of federally-recognized American Indian or Native Alaskan tribes to ensure that those not indicating race on the application will be notified of this exemption.