



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS



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Cindy Mann, Director
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RE: Louisiana's Second Amendment of Title XXI State Plan

Dear Ms. Mann:

Please refer to your correspondence dated February 5, 2001 which "stopped the clock" on Louisiana's second amendment to its Title XXI State Plan. Attached is a revised page with Section 2.3 modified to delete the requirement for a waiting period to ensure compliance with 42 CFR 5435.914.

Please substitute the revised Page 6 attached for the same page in our previous December 18, 2000 submission. This change should resolve concerns and we anticipate approval of our second amendment in the near future. If additional information is needed, please contact Helene Robinson of my staff at 225.342-6316. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

David W Hood
Secretary

Attachment

c: Regina Fletcher, HCFA-Central Office
Bobbie Sullivan, HCFA Region VI
Joe Reeder, HCFA Region VI

The Maternal and Child Health Section of the Office of Public Health also provides referrals to Medicaid ~~vis~~ its Women, ~~Infants~~ and Children (WIC) and prenatal clinics ~~as well as~~ a toll-free ~~hotline~~ through which they try to ~~link~~ callers with available resources for medical and social services.

- 2.2.2 The ~~steps~~ the ~~state~~ is currently taking to identify and enroll all uncovered children who ~~are~~ eligible to participate in health insurance programs that involve a public-private partnership:

Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals ~~is~~ not directly involved in a public-private partnership concerning health insurance for children, but *made* referrals to the private "Caring Program for children" as appropriate. A denied Medicaid or LaCHIP application *was* necessary to qualify for the program, *but the program was discontinued when LaCHIP was implemented up to 150% FPL.*

- 2.3 Describe how the new State Title XXI program(s) is(are) designed to be coordinated with such efforts to increase the number of children with credible health coverage ~~so~~ that only eligible targeted low-income children are covered:
(Section **2102(a)(3)**)

Given that the first two phases of Title **XXI** *were* expansions of Medicaid coverage up to **133%** and **150%** of **FPL** respectively, problems with "crowdout" *were* not significant. ~~*While Phase III eligibles may have a greater access to insurance coverage, federal regulations now preclude applying a "waiting period" for SCHIP enrollees less than 200% of poverty which is the income level for Phase III.*~~ **In** addition, provisions which required a three month gap in insurance coverage *previously* incorporated into the Title XXI Medicaid expansion policy *have been deleted to comply with current federal regulations at 43 CFR 435.914.*

Rev. **