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Dan McCarthy
Health Care Financing Administration/CMSO
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7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Kansas **City** Regional Office **stated** there are two questions about the Iowa State Children's Health Insurance Program amendment **sent** to you in December 1999. Here are the **questions** and the responses.

Q1. Provide **updates** on estimated **costs** and expected enrollment in the State's SCHIP plan now that the State disregards 20% of a family's income to determine **eligibility**. (OMB)

A1. See attached sheet.

Q2. Please provide an assurance that the health benefit package offered by the additional managed care plan is benchmark-equivalent (presumably to the State employee's **health** plan. (OSASPE)

A2. Unity Choice from Wellmark Health **Plan** of Iowa does meet the benchmark-equivalent to the State employee's health **plan**, Principal **Health** Care of Iowa **Primary** Care. The Deloitte and Touche state this on page 6 of their actuarial report.

Sincerely,

Anita Smith, Manager
Insurance Purchasing Unit
Division of Medical Services

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Attachment

CC: Tom Lenz
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DHS - Medical Assistance
CHIP Budget
Revised SFY 2000

State Dollars	Federal Dollars	Total Dollars
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Total revised CHIP budget SFY 2000

\$ 5,880,403 \$16,858,972 \$ 22,739,375

Administration Percent: 10.0%

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