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Dear Ms. Cobb:

Thank you for your proposed State plan amendment, dated September 20, 1999, to the Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. We are impressed with the efforts that Indiana has made to provide health care coverage to uninsured children. As you are aware, your proposal has been undergoing review by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). However, in order to proceed with our review, additional information will be required. The enclosure explains more fully the areas that require additional information and clarification. From that listing, our major concern relates to the following area:

- DHHS issued a policy prohibiting cost-sharing for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children. Section 2102(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act requires the State Plan to include a description of the procedures used to ensure the provision of child health assistance to targeted low-income children of AI/AN families. The special access provisions for AI/AN children in Title XXI recognize the unique relationship between the Federal government and the Tribal governments in the delivery of health care services to AI/AN children. Because cost-sharing poses a unique financial barrier to care for AI/AN, States that impose cost-sharing on AI/AN children are not in compliance with the access provision of section 2102(b)(3)(D). Therefore, we will no longer approve amendments to State plans that would impose cost-sharing on AI/AN children. Please revise your amendment to comply with this policy.

Under Section 2106(c) of the Social Security Act, HCFA must either approve, disapprove, or request additional information on a proposed amendment to a Title XXI State Plan within ninety days. This letter constitutes our notification that specified additional information is needed in order to fully assess your amendment. The 90-day review period has been stopped by this request and will resume as soon as a substantive response to all of the enclosed questions is received. The members of the review team would be happy to answer any questions you may have in regard to this letter and to assist your staff in formulating a response.

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Please send your response, either on disk or electronically, as well as in hard copy to Cheryl Tarver, Project Officer for Indiana's Title XXI program, with a copy to Cheryl Harris, Associate Regional Administrator for the HCFA Region V Division of Medicaid and Insurance Oversight. Ms. Tarver's Internet address is: CTarver@HCFA.GOV. Her mailing address is:

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We appreciate the efforts of your staff and share your goal of providing health care to low income, uninsured children through Title XXI. If you have questions or concerns regarding the matters raised in this letter, your staff may contact either Ms. Tarver at (410) 786-5451 or Ms. Harris at (312) 353-2702. They will provide or arrange for any technical assistance you may require in preparing your response. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard Fenton
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Chicago Regional Office