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Mr. James T. Rizzuto
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Dear Mr. Rizzuto:

Thank you for your proposals, dated December 20, 2000, and December 27, 2000 for two amendments to your State Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. As you are aware, your two amendments have been undergoing review by the Department of Health and Human Services. In order to proceed with our review, however, we require additional information. The enclosure explains more fully the areas that require additional information **and** clarification. We have previously sent you these questions informally but, because we have not received your response, must now formally request additional information.

Under Section 2106(c) of the Social Security Act, HCFA must approve, disapprove, or request additional information on a proposed Title XXI State Plan within ninety days. This letter constitutes our notification that specified additional information is needed in order to fully assess your plan. 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.

Please send your response, either on disk or electronically, as well as in hard copy to Moe Gagnon, project officer for Colorado's Title XXI proposal. Mr. Gagnon's Internet address is rngagnon@hcfa.gov. His mailing address is:

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Please also mail a copy to Mr. Dave Selleck, Acting Associate Regional Administrator

for the Division of Medicaid and State Operations, HCFA Region VIII. Mr. Selleck's address is:

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Colorado State Bank Building
1600 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, Colorado 80202-4367

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 Mr. Gagnon at (410) 786-0619 or Mr. Selleck at (303) 844-1976. They will provide or arrange for any technical assistance you may require in preparing your response. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Denver Regional Office

COLORADO TITLE XXI STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Section 3 and 4 (received - 12/29/00)

Section 8 and 14 (received - 12/28/00)

Section 4

1. Page 23 section 4.1.4, Colorado is eliminating the asset test. Please indicate whether the income is based on gross or net, and will there be any income disregards?
2. Budget. Please divide the total administrative costs into the subcategories on the budget template, i.e., personnel, general administration, contractors/brokers, etc. Also, please verify that the total program costs for FY 2001 is correct. The federal share **plus** the state share do not equal the total shown.
3. Section 4.1.5. Verify whether the State allows for self-declaration of residency, if not, what types of documentation are required?

Section 8

4. On page 49, section **8.2.3**. The State's submission by mail indicated that the requirements for American Indian/Alaskan Native cost sharing had been stricken from the State plan. The electronic version the State submitted via e-mail had no change to this section, please forward a corrected version of this section.
5. Section 8, Cost Sharing/Section **6.2**, benefits attachment **6**, Cost Sharing. In a previous amendment, the State agreed to reduce ER co-pay \$5 to **\$3** for children under 100 percent FPL. This amendment does not show this change, please advise if this change has been implemented.