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September 10, 2003

Ms. Lesley Cummings
Executive Director
The California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board
P.O. Box 2769
Sacramento, CA 95812-2769

Dear Ms. Cummings,

Thank you for your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) state plan amendment submitted on July 24, 2003. As you are aware, your proposal has been undergoing review by the Department of Health and Human Services. In order to proceed with our review, we find it necessary to seek further information. Our major concerns relate to the following area:

- Section 9.10, related to the budget. Please provide more detail on the sources of revenue that come into the California Children and Families Commission.

The enclosure more fully explains this and other areas of the proposal that require additional information and clarification. CMS may have further questions, including questions related to the permissibility of funding as the source of state match, in addition to the information requested at this time.

Under section 2106(c) of the Social Security Act, CMS must approve, disapprove, or request additional information on a proposed title XXI State plan amendment within 90 days. This constitutes our notification that specified additional information is needed in order to assess fully the concerns raised in this letter. The 90-day review period has been stopped by this request and will resume as soon as the State's response to this request for additional information is received. The members of the Review Team will 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 Meredith Robertson, project officer for the California title XXI proposal, with a copy to the CMS Region IX Office.

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Ms. Robertson's Internet address is mrobertson@cms.hhs.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 Meredith Robertson at (410) 786-6543 or Cheryl Young, CMS Region IX, at (415) 744-3598. They will provide or arrange for any technical assistance you may require in preparing your response. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cheryl Austein Casnoff
Director
Division of State Children's Health Insurance

Enclosure

cc: CMS Region IX, DMSO

ENCLOSURE

Section 3.1

1. Please provide an assurance that only targeted low-income children will benefit from the proposal.
2. Please provide further detail on the innovative methods the State anticipates implementing to increase dental service utilization.

Section 9.10

3. Please provide additional budgetary assumptions. Specifically we would like to know how many enrollees will benefit from the oral health proposal? SCHIP regulations require that the State plan include a budget that describes all assumptions on which the budget is based, including cost per child and expected enrollment.
4. Please provide further detail on the sources of revenue that come into the California Children and Families Commission. CMS needs more information to assure that the proposal is in accordance with Section 1903(w) of the Social Security Act, which limits Federal financial participation (FFP) when States receive funds from health-care related taxes and donations.