

Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

July 6, 2004

Mr. Michael Willden
Director
Department of Human Resources
505 E. King Street
Room 600
Carson City, NV 89701-3708

Dear Mr. Willden:

Thank you for your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) state plan amendment submitted on May 12, 2004. 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 concern relates to the following area:

- Section 4.4.2, related to the screen and enroll process. Please provide an updated description of Nevada's screen and enroll process following the elimination of provisional enrollment.

The enclosure more fully explains this and other areas of the proposal that require additional information and clarification. CMS may have further questions 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 Nevada title XXI proposal, with a copy to CMS Region IX Office. Meredith's Internet address is mrobertson@cms.hhs.gov. Her mailing address is:

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Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Division of State Children's Health Insurance
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We appreciate the efforts of you and 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 Kaihe Akahane, CMS Region IX, at (415) 744-2976. 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

1. Section 1.4

Please provide the effective date of the amendment in this section of the state plan template.

2. Sections 4.4.1 & 4.4.2

- a. Please update Nevada's description of its screen and enroll process (e.g. the State now has a joint application).
- b. Please also describe the State's new determination process and any changes to the redetermination process.
- c. Please clarify that all Medicaid eligible children are informed that their Nevada Check Up application can also be used as a Medicaid application.
- d. Please clarify that the State will refer "applications" promptly to the State Welfare Division.

3. Section 8.7.1

Please check all applicable boxes in this section.

4. Section 9.9

Please provide an updated budget or a statement describing that this amendment has no significant budgetary impact.

5. Section 9.9.2

Please provide a description of how and when public notice regarding the proposed cost-sharing increase was provided in a form and manner provided under applicable state law.