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Judith Arnold, Director
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Dear Ms. Arnold:

Your twentieth title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) submitted on March 31, 2013 with additional information received on December 14, 2015, has been approved. This SPA adds benefits for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), such as applied behavioral analysis (ABA) and assistive communication devices. This SPA also includes updates related to eligibility and enrollment procedures that have changed as a result of the Affordable Care Act. The benefits addition has an effective date of April 1, 2013, and the eligibility and enrollment updates have an effective date of January 1, 2014.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Kristin Edwards. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Edwards' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Edwards and to Mr. Michael Melendez, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our New York Regional Office.

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If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Manning Pellanda, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Anne Marie Costello
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Michael Melendez, Associate Regional Administrator, Region II