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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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Gabrielle Armenia  
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Dear Ms. Armenia:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) NY-22-0031-CHIP submitted on March 31, 2022, has been approved. This amendment has an effective date of July 15, 2021.

Through this SPA, New York updates the state's process for ensuring children enrolled in Child Health Plus are not subject to a waiting period. New York removed waiting periods from CHIP in SPA NY-19-0025, effective July 1, 2014, but due to system limitations, the state needed to manually remove children from the waiting period on a temporary basis. The state has now made the systems updates to effectuate the elimination of the waiting period automatically; therefore, the manual process is no longer required. A copy of the approved state plan page is attached and will be incorporated into the state's approved CHIP state plan.

Your title XXI project officer is Shakia Singleton. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have any questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Lutzky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Amy Lutzky  
Deputy Director