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July 8, 2020

Marie Matthews
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Dear Ms. Matthews:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), MT-20-0022, submitted on April 20, 2020, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of March 1, 2020.

This amendment, as it applies to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), makes the following changes effective March 1, 2020 through the duration of the Federally-declared PHE:

- Conduct tribal consultation subsequent to the submission of this SPA, as permitted under section 1135 of the Social Security Act;
- Waive requirements related to timely processing of applications;
- Delay processing of renewals and extend deadlines for families to respond to renewal requests;
- Delay acting on changes in circumstances for CHIP beneficiaries other than the required changes in circumstances described in 42 CFR 457.342(a) cross-referencing 42 CFR 435.926(d); and
- Waive copayments for all enrollees.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Acting 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 black ink, appearing to read "Amy Lutzky", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Amy Lutzky
Acting Deputy Director

cc: Courtney Miller, Director, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
Jackie Glaze, Deputy Director, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group