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Ms. Diane Kessel
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Dear Ms. Kessel:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State Plan Amendment submitted on January 22, 2004, with additional information submitted on May 20, 2004, has been approved. This amendment changes the duration of eligibility from 12 months to 6 months. This change will affect SCHIP clients enrolled on and after July 1, 2003, with a 6-month review date on and after December 31, 2003.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Haun and to Ms. Karen O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. O'Connor's address is:

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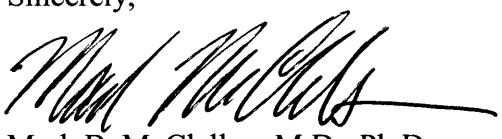
If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,



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