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Dear Ms. Biedess:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted June 27, 2002, has been approved with the clarifications submitted on August 26, 2002, and August 28, 2002. This amendment revises the SCHIP state plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations and to update program descriptions.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Richard Chambers, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis G. Smith".

Dennis G. Smith
Director

cc: CMS Region IX Office