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Ms. Lynn Dunton, Assistant Director
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Dear Ms. Dunton:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted September 22, 2003, with additional information submitted on November 18, 2003, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan to increase premiums for enrollees with incomes above 175 percent of the Federal poverty level and remove copayments for all enrollees.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to your project officer and to Ms. Linda Minamoto, Associate Regional Administrator in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Minamoto's address is:

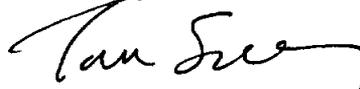
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Scully". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves downwards.

Thomas A. Scully

cc: Regional Administrator, Region IX