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Mr. Jerry Phillips, Director
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Dear Mr. Phillips

We are pleased to inform you that the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted September 5, 2007, with additional information submitted on October 15, 2007, November 27, 2007, December 12, 2007, and February 21, 2008, has been approved. On September 5, 2007, Louisiana submitted its fifth title XXI SPA to expand eligibility to uninsured children with gross income above 200 percent up to and including 250 percent of the Federal poverty level in the SCHIP. This amendment has an effective date of January 1, 2008.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Casart and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator in our Dallas Regional Office. Mr. Brooks' address is:

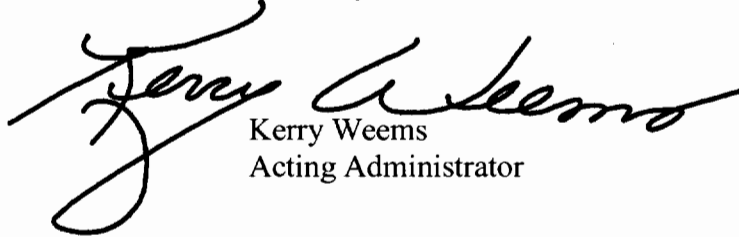
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Susan Cuerdon, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Weems". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "W".

Kerry Weems
Acting Administrator

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cc: CMS Region VI Office