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Mr. Karl B. Kurtz  
Director  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
P.O. Box 83720  
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Dear Mr. Kurtz:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on May 5, 2006, with an implementation date of July 1, 2006, has been approved.

This amendment changes the lower income eligibility level for the separate SCHIP program for children from birth through 18 years from 150 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) to 133 percent of the FPL, while the upper income eligibility level will remain at 185 percent of the FPL. It also limits enrollment in the State's title XXI Medicaid Expansion Program to children ages 6 through 18 years with family income above 100 percent of the FPL through 133 percent of the FPL, and removes the resource limits related to program eligibility. Modifications in the current Secretary-approved benefit package have also been made that provide all children in SCHIP with a Basic Benchmark Benefit Package and make available an Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Package when the child has special health care needs that cannot be met through the basic benefit package. It also increases cost sharing by imposing premiums on children in the Basic Benchmark Benefit Package. Children from above 133 percent up to 150 percent of the FPL will pay \$10 per month and children from above 150 percent up to 185 percent will pay \$15 per month (\$10 for medical services and \$5 for dental services). Children in the Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Package will not be subject to premiums.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. James Grant. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Grant's contact information is as follows:

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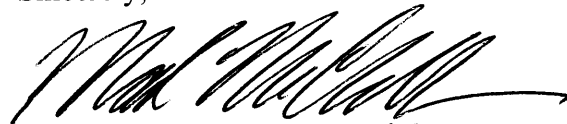
Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Grant and to Ms. Karen O'Connor, Acting Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. O'Connor's address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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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 'Mark B. McClellan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.

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cc: CMS Region X, Seattle  
Kate VandenBroek, ID SCHIP Director, Division of Medicaid