



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Patrick Gillies
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State of Louisiana
Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
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Dear Mr. Gillies:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) LA-21-0026, submitted on September 30, 2021, has been approved. This amendment allows Louisiana to claim federal matching funds to implement a new health services initiative (HSI) to support the Louisiana Poison Center. The effective date for this amendment is July 1, 2021.

SPA LA-21-0026 provides funding through the HSI option at section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR §457.10 to use available title XXI administrative funding for expenditures for HSIs under the plan to improve the health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children. Consistent with section 2105(c)(6)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR §457.626, title XXI funds used to support an HSI cannot supplant Medicaid or other sources of federal funding.

The state will ensure that remaining title XXI funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI to the administration of the CHIP program. The state will report annually to CMS the expenditures funded by the HSI for each federal fiscal year.

Your title XXI project officer is Ms. Sandra Phelps. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Ms. Phelps' contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Emily King, Deputy Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (443) 478-6811.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Lutzky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Amy Lutzky
Deputy Director