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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am pleased to inform you that your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number 13, submitted on September 10, 2013, has been approved. This SPA allows Louisiana to reduce dental reimbursements rates, effective August 1, 2013, as specified in the amendment.

As a condition of approval for this amendment, the state will continue to monitor dental provider participation in LaCHIP and enrollees' utilization of dental services. If, at six months and/or 12 months after the effective date of the rate reductions, the state finds a decrease in provider participation or enrollee utilization of services, the state will work with CMS to develop a corrective action plan to ensure adequate access to dental services for children enrolled in LaCHIP.

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

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Linda Nablo, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-5143.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Bill Brooks, Assistant Regional Administrator, CMS Region VI, Dallas
Darlene Adams, Louisiana State Medicaid Manager