



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

This letter is to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), WA-20-0001, submitted on May 4, 2020, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of March 1, 2020.

This amendment, as it applies to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), makes the following changes beginning March 18, 2020, unless otherwise noted, through the duration of the Federally-declared PHE:

- Waive requirements related to the timely processing of applications;
- Delay processing of renewals and extend deadlines for families to respond to renewal requests;
- Delay acting on changes in circumstances for CHIP beneficiaries other than the required changes in circumstances described in 42 CFR 457.342(a) cross-referencing 42 CFR 435.926(d);
- Allow phone triage for dental services care coordination; and
- Waive collection of all cost sharing and suspend the premium lock-out policy, beginning May 1, 2020.

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

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Acting Director, Division of State Coverage Programs at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Lutzky", written over a thin horizontal line.

Amy Lutzky
Acting Deputy Director

cc: Courtney Miller, Director, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group
Jackie Glaze, Deputy Director, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group