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Dear Director Armenia:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendments (SPAs), NY-24-0038-CHIP and NY-24-0040-CHIP, submitted on March 29, 2024, with additional information submitted on August 13, 2024, have been approved.

Through SPA NY-24-0038-CHIP, New York makes technical updates to remove outdated references and clarify current practices. Effective April 1, 2023, New York aligns the strategic objectives and performance goals in section 9 of the state plan with those reported in the state's CHIP Annual Report. Effective June 1, 2023, the state modifies its renewal procedures to provide retroactive coverage to the first of the month for children whose families renew their coverage in the month following their prior 12-month enrollment period and select the same health plan, to avoid a gap in coverage. Effective January 1, 2024, New York updates its policies for continuous eligibility (CE) in section 4 of the state plan.

Through SPA NY-24-0040-CHIP, New York provides 12 months of CE coverage to individuals enrolled in its separate CHIP, pursuant to section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023). Section 5112 of the CAA, 2023 amended titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to require that states provide 12 months of CE for children under the age of 19 in Medicaid and CHIP. In New York, this provision applies to targeted low-income children and the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy (FCEP) population. Furthermore, New York confirms the state no longer disenrolls children from coverage due to late premium payments during or at the end of the CE period. This SPA has an effective date of January 1, 2024.

A copy of the approved CS21, CS27, and state plan pages are attached to be incorporated into the state's approved CHIP state plan.

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Your Project Officer is Jennifer McIlvaine. She is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters. Her contact information is as follows:

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

Sincerely,

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Sarah deLone
Director