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Gabrielle Armenia, Director
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Dear Director Armenia:

Your Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) NY-25-0041-CHIP, submitted on March 25, 2025, with additional information submitted on May 12, 2026, has been approved. The effective date for this SPA is April 1, 2024.

Through SPA NY-25-0041-CHIP, New York creates a new Health Services Initiative (HSI) to provide comprehensive coverage during the 12-month postpartum period for mothers whose newborns had been eligible as targeted low-income children under the from-conception-to-end-of-pregnancy (FCEP) option. The benefits provided during this postpartum period are identical to the benefits provided to pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid.

This approval is based on section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR §§ 457.10 and 457.618, which authorize use of title XXI administrative funding for HSIs that 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.

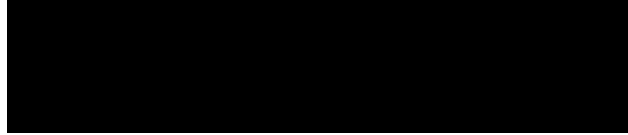
The state shall ensure that the remaining title XXI administrative funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI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

Your Project Officer is Jennifer McIlvaine. She is available to answer your questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related matters and can be reached at jennifer.mcilvaine@cms.hhs.gov.

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If you have additional questions, please contact Mary Beth Hance, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-4299. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



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