

Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Mr. Dave Richard
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Dear Mr. Richard:

I am pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA) number NC-18-0007 submitted on September 14, 2018 been approved. This amendment has an effective date of September 13, 2018.

Through this SPA, the state provides temporary adjustments to the state's redetermination policies and cost-sharing requirements for children in families impacted by disaster events. The state can provide families with additional time to complete the renewal process and has the flexibility to waive prior authorization requirements and the annual enrollment fee for children in families living in or working in Governor declared or federally declared disaster areas or other areas as determined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. This SPA, as it applies to Hurricane Florence, makes the following changes:

- Effective September 13, 2018, extends the grace period for impacted children to complete the renewal process until November 30, 2018. The state will document the decision to use this flexibility in the impacted individual's case record.
- Effective September 13, 2018, waives the annual enrollment fee and prior authorization requirements for children in families impacted by the Hurricane through November 30, 2018.

For these periods, North Carolina is applying the temporary adjustments to its enrollment and redetermination policies, cost sharing requirements, and prior authorization requirements to impacted children statewide. If the state determines it necessary to extend these flexibilities beyond November 30, 2018, they will inform CMS of the new end date.

In the event of a future disaster, this SPA provides North Carolina with the authority to implment the aforementioned temporary policy adjustments by notifying CMS of its intent, the effective date and duration of the provision, and a list of the Governor declared disaster areas that are applicable. Although the state must provide notice to CMS, this is less administratively burdensome than repeating the SPA process during times of disaster recovery.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Lagorio and to Ms. Shantrina Roberts, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Roberts's address is:

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If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Amy Lutzky, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-0721. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Marie Costello".

Anne Marie Costello
Director

cc: Shantrina Roberts, ARA, CMS Region IV