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Washington, DC 20201

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Ms. Robin Arnold-Williams  
Secretary  
Department of Social and Health Services  
P.O. Box 45010  
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Dear Ms. Arnold-Williams:

We are pleased to inform you that Washington's 12<sup>th</sup> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on May 22, 2008, with additional information submitted on December 4, 2008, has been approved.

This SPA permits Washington to increase children's mental health outpatient services from up to 12 hours per calendar year to up to 20 hours per calendar year for those children receiving mental health benefits through managed care or the fee-for-service system.

This amendment has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2008.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Jeffrey Silverman. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Silverman's contact information is as follows:

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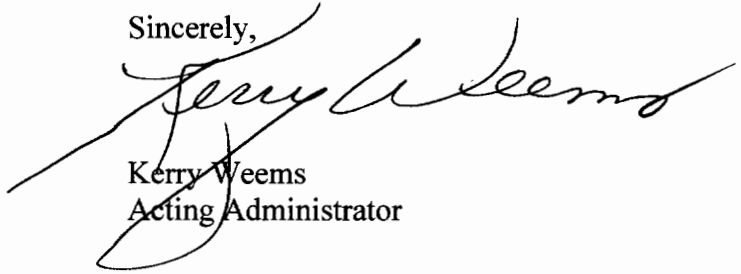
Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Silverman and to Ms. Barbara Richards, Acting Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. Richards' address is:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Mail Stop RX-43  
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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Dianne Heffron, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-5647.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Weems". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Kerry Weems  
Acting Administrator

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cc:

Barbara Richards, Acting ARA, Region X