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Susan Dreyfus, Secretary
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RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #09-012

Dear Ms. Dreyfus:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #09-012. This amendment provides Medicaid and CHIP coverage for children under age 21 and pregnant women pursuant to section 214 of CHIPRA, who are qualified aliens who would otherwise be subject to a five-year waiting period, and non-qualified aliens who are lawfully residing in the United States to the extent described in this SPA. Previously, these groups could only receive emergency services under Medicaid and were ineligible for CHIP. This change is reflected in Attachment 2.6-A, pages 2, 2a, and 2b.

This SPA is approved effective April 1, 2009.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me or have your staff contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or via email at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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