

March 7, 2001

Dear State Medicaid and SCHIP Directors:

I am writing to notify you of recent staffing changes in the Family and Children's Health Programs Group within the Center for Medicaid and State Operations.

First, I want to advise you that Jennifer Ryan, former Technical Director for the SCHIP Division, has accepted a new position at George Washington University. We appreciate Jennifer's contribution to SCHIP over the first 3 years of the program and her tireless work on the SCHIP regulations. In addition, Nancy Fasciano, Project Officer, has accepted a position with Mathematica Policy Research. We appreciate Nancy's contribution and guidance to States on State Plan Amendments, Section 1115 Demonstrations and data issues.

Second, I want to announce the hiring of two additional Project Officers for the SCHIP Division. The Project Officers are Dana Pryor and Mark Cooley. Dana comes to HCFA from the Maryland Department of Human Resources where she served as Research and Project Manager for 5 years. Mark comes to HCFA from Johns Hopkins Healthcare where he served as Trainer and Quality Assurance Analyst for 2 years. They both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to HCFA and look forward to serving their respective States. I am confident that Dana and Mark's vast knowledge of the health care industry will provide for a smooth transition.

As a result of staffing changes, attached is a revised list of States and their assigned project officers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410) 786-6614.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Cynthia Shirk  
Acting Director  
Division of State Children's Health Insurance

Attachment: [PDF](#) (41K)

cc: All HCFA Regional Offices