



Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Mr. Snyder:

I am pleased to inform you that your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment, SD-17-0009, submitted on December 29, 2017, has been approved. SD-17-0009 implements mental health parity requirements in section 2103(c)(6) of the Social Security Act (the Act) consistent with regulations at 42 CFR 457.496 to ensure that treatment limitations and financial requirements applied to mental health and substance use disorder benefits are no more restrictive than those applied to medical/surgical benefits. This SPA has an effective date of October 1, 2017.

Section 2103(c)(6)(B) of the Act, as implemented through regulations at 42 CFR 457.496(b), provides that if CHIP coverage includes Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) as defined in section 1905(r) of the Act and provided in accordance with section 1902(a)(43) of the Act, the state plan will be deemed to satisfy parity requirements. South Dakota has provided the necessary assurances and supporting documentation that EPSDT is covered under South Dakota's CHIP program and provided in accordance with sections 1905(r) and 1902(a)(43) of the Act. This approval relates only to benefits provided under the CHIP state plan; Medicaid benefits will be analyzed separately.

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

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Jordan and to Mr. Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) in our Denver Regional Office. Mr. Allen's address is:

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If you have 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,



Anne Marie Costello
Director

cc:

Mr. Richard Allen, ARA, CMS Region VIII, Denver