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Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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Dr. Mark Schaefer
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Dear Dr. Schaefer:

I am very pleased to inform you that Connecticut has qualified for a CHIPRA Performance Bonus for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FY 2011) in the amount of \$5,209,262. This Performance Bonus is confirmation of your State's ongoing and strong efforts to identify and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

Performance Bonuses are awarded under the provisions of section 2105(a)(3) and (4) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by section 104 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). As outlined in the statute, States must satisfy two sets of criteria in order to qualify for a Performance Bonus: (1) States must have in place at least five Medicaid and CHIP program features known to promote enrollment and retention in health coverage for children; and (2) States must demonstrate a significant increase in Medicaid enrollment among children during the course of the Fiscal year.

This year you submitted a request for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to review whether Connecticut met the qualification for a FY 2011 Performance Bonus. CMS has completed that review and determined that Connecticut met five of the eight required program features set forth in section 2105(a)(4) of the Act necessary to qualify for a FY11 Bonus Payment. Specifically, the State qualified for: liberalization of the State's asset test, elimination of in-person interview requirements, use of the same application and renewal forms, use of automatic or administrative renewal, and presumptive eligibility.

After determining that you met the required program features, CMS reviewed the enrollment data you submitted and determined the amount of the Performance Bonus for your State in accordance with section 2105(a)(3) of the Act. Based on the data submitted, we have preliminarily determined that the amount of your Performance Bonus will be \$5,209,262. The amount of the Bonus may be subject to revision based on future adjustments to your enrollment data.

Congratulations on qualifying for a FY11 Performance Bonus. CMS commends your ongoing efforts to enroll children in health insurance coverage programs and your commitment to a simplified and family-friendly enrollment and renewal process. Please note that in order to qualify for a Performance Bonus in subsequent years, Connecticut will need to continue to implement at least 5 of 8 program features and will be asked to confirm that those features are still in place. We look forward to our continuing work together on this and other important Medicaid and CHIP issues.

If you have any questions regarding this award, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ryan, Deputy Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group at Jennifer.Ryan@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-3393.

Sincerely,

Cindy Mann
Director

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