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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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Emily Zalkovsky  
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State of Texas, Health and Human Services Commission  
4900 Lamar Boulevard  
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Dear Director Zalkovsky:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) state plan amendment (SPA), TX-19-0045, submitted June 30, 2019, with additional information submitted on March 18, 2024 has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of July 1, 2018.

Through this SPA, Texas has provided the necessary assurances indicating that the state complies with the managed care requirements in the delivery of CHIP services and benefits covered under the state's separate child health plan as of July 1, 2018 consistent with the regulations at 42 CFR 457 Subpart L. Additionally, through this SPA the state is updating its process for conducting reviews of health services matters.

This SPA approval does not substitute for CMS review of any contracts between the state and managed care entities that serve the state's CHIP populations. All managed care contracts for CHIP populations in effect as of the state fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018 must comply with the CHIP managed care regulations and be submitted for CMS review.

Your title XXI project officer is Abbie Walsh. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other CHIP-related issues. Her contact information is as follows:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Meg Barry, Division Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,



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Director