

July 22, 2016

Michael Braun Executive Director Arizona Legislative Council 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 100 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Braun:

Pursuant to Laws 2016, Chapter 112, Section 8, AHCCCS is reporting that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) today approved the Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA 16-016) to remove the enrollment cap and resume enrollment in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (KidsCare).

The approval of this SPA will trigger an allotment increase for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 in the amount of \$4,877,041 which AHCCCS believes will be sufficient to cover Title XXI expenditures for the remainder of the current federal fiscal year. CMS has indicated that they will support an allotment increase for FFY2017, the amount of that increase will be determined once more data is available (to date initial FFY2017 allotments have not been issued).

If you have any questions or require more information please contact me at (602) 417-4458 or Monica Coury at (602) 417-4019.

Sincerely,

Beth Kohler Deputy Director

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Patrick Moran, JLBC