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Dear Ms. Hittle:

Your title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) number OR-21-0133, submitted on November 22, 2021 with additional information received on October 17, 2022, has been approved. This SPA has an effective date of December 1, 2021.

This amendment implements a health services initiative (HSI) program to support families through the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC). OPEC aims to provide parents with high-quality, parenting education programs and parenting support through programs and partnerships that are evidence-based and culturally responsive. OPEC will facilitate parenting classes, workshops, parenting support activities, individual and small-group parent coaching, family activities/events, and home visitation with a culturally-specific curriculum. HSI resources will be used to fund in-person group parenting classes where qualifying low-income families are directly supported with transportation assistance, childcare, and food to overcome barriers to participation.

This approval is based on section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR §§ 457.10 and 457.618, which authorize use of title XXI administrative funding for HSIs that improve the health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children. Consistent with section 2105(c)(6)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR § 457.626, title XXI funds used to support an HSI cannot supplant Medicaid or other sources of federal funding.

The state shall ensure that the remaining title XXI administrative funding, within the state's 10 percent limit, is sufficient to continue the proper administration of the CHIP program. If such funds become less than sufficient, the state agrees to redirect title XXI funds from the support of this HSI to the administration of the CHIP program. The state shall report annually to CMS the expenditures funded by the HSI for each federal fiscal year.

Your title XXI project officer is Shakia Singleton. 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 any questions, please contact Meg Barry, Director, Division of State Coverage Programs, at (410) 786-1536. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah deLone".

Sarah deLone
Director