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SECRETARY

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Rebecca Matthews
Chief Executive Officer
Florida Healthy Kids Corporation
VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Matthews:

As you are aware, last week Hurricane Michael hit Florida's panhandle destroying homes, businesses and lives in its path. Under the direction of Governor Scott, the State of Florida has sprung into action to help the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. As part of that effort, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is asking for some time to be made during this week's Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Board of Directors meeting to discuss waiving the premiums for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and full pay enrollees in the affected area.

I have discussed waiving premiums with Governor Scott and have his full support in the effort. Therefore, our Agency is recommending waiving premiums for three months (November, December, and January) for CHIP and full pay enrollees in the following counties: Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla and Taylor. The Agency will work diligently to ensure that Healthy Kids is reimbursed for premiums and resulting health plan capitation payments for these counties in these months.

Ensuring that children have access to health care has always been a priority of our Agency, and under Governor Scott's leadership Florida has the second biggest drop in the uninsured rate among children in the U.S. this decade. We remain steadfastly committed to ensuring that no children lose their insurance coverage due to Hurricane Michael. By waiving premiums for CHIP and full pay enrollees we will be ensuring that thousands of children will be able to keep their insurance coverage.

We believe this is the best solution to assist these families and hope that the Board will concur when it reconvenes to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Senior
Secretary

