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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

Thank you for your submission of the following California Medicaid managed care contract amendments for the COHS model:

- CalOptima 08-85214 A34  
- Central California Alliance for Health 08-85216 A35  
- CenCal Health 08-85212 A34  
- Gold Coast Health Plan 10-87128 A27  
- Health Plan of San Mateo 08-85213 A38  
- Partnership Health Plan of California 08-85215 A38

The amendments revise the optional expansion rates to include the impact of the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee (HQAF) and, for those plans subject to the Health Insurance Providers Fee (HIPF), the amendments add the HIPF to Optional Expansion, Non-Optional Expansion, HEP C, and Behavioral Health Treatment (BHT) rates for the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves these contract amendments.

Our approval of all MCO contracts and their subsequent amendments is required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, section 1903(m). Approval of contract changes does not extend federal financial participation (FFP) for costs associated with activities not meeting federal requirements.
We appreciate the assistance your staff has provided during the approval process. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Banks at (415) 744-3782 or Peter.Banks@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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