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Dr. Peter C. Van Dyck, M.D., M.P.H.  
Maternal and Child Health Bureau  
Division of State and Community Health  
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Dear Dr. Van Dyck:

The State of Mississippi's application for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2001 is enclosed for your review, along with the required needs assessment. All assurances and certifications required by Title V, Section 505 of the Social Security Act, as amended, are addressed. The Mississippi State Department of Health is designated to receive these funds.

The State Department of Health uses these grant funds to support efforts to reduce infant mortality, the incidence of preventable diseases and handicapping conditions among children. These funds provide mothers and children statewide access to quality maternal and child health services and promote family-centered, community-based, coordinated care for children with special health care needs and their families.

I strongly support the continuation of this important program that has improved the health status of many Mississippi mothers and children. I hope you will look favorably on the State of Mississippi's application.

Very truly yours,

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