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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
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All QMB/SLMB/QI Coordinators

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THE 2001 MEDICARE PREMIUMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME STANDARD AND PARENT ALLOCATIONS USED IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS (250 PERCENT WORKING DISABLED; QUALIFIED MEDICARE (QMB); SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB); QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (QI) AND OTHER PROGRAMS)

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 99-73

This letter is to inform you of the 2001 "Supplemental Security Income standard allocation" and the "parent allocation" amounts to be used in various programs, such as the 250 Percent Working Disabled and QMB/SLMB/QI programs.

These allocations are based on the annual federal benefit rate (FBR) which is based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The Standard Allocation increased from $257 to $266 (the couple FBR minus the individual FBR). The Parent Allocation for 2001 is determined as follows:

When there is earned, unearned income or a combination of income:

- The parent allocation (if one ineligible parent lives with child) is $530 (FBR for an individual); and

- The parent allocation (if both ineligible parents live with the child) is $796 (FBR for a couple).

The 2001 Medicare part A premium will drop to $300 for persons who do not receive Medicare free part A. The reduced Medicare part A premium will drop to $165 for persons with 30-39 quarters of Medicare covered employment. Both have a 10 percent penalty for late enrollment.

The part A deductible will be $792 a day for the first 60 days of inpatient care and $198 a day for the 61st-90th day. For days 91 through 150, the deductible will be $396. The skilled nursing facility deductible is rising to $99 a day for the 21st-100th day (there is no deductible for day 1-20).

The 2001 Medicare part B premium will be $50. The deductible will remain at $100. The Qualifying Individual-1 benefit will be $3.09.

Please remember to disregard the Title II COLA for all programs where eligibility is based on the federal poverty level (FPL) except the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals program until the new FPLs are in effect on April 1, 2001. These programs include the Income Disregard program, 133 Percent and 100 Percent programs for children, and the QMB/SLMB/QI programs.

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