STATE OF CALIFORNIA–HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Public Health Directors
All County Mental Health Directors
All County SLMB/QI Coordinators

Letter No.:99-14

MARCH 31, 1999 MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM (MEDS) ENTRY DEADLINE FOR LISTING ALL "8K," 1998 QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL-2 (QI-2) APPLICANTS

As explained in the March 10, 1999 E-Mail No. 99033, the Department of Health Services is requesting the counties' assistance in expediting the listing of QI-2 applicants who have been waiting for acknowledgment that they are eligible for this program and for their retroactive QI-2 refund check. Therefore, we are asking the counties to IMMEDIATELY ENTER ALL THE QI-2, "8K" APPLICANTS IN THE MEDS system. This includes all the retroactive months that QI-2 beneficiaries are entitled to. All inputting needs to be completed by MARCH 31, 1999. The MEDS entry work needs to be done in order for the Department of Health Services to track the QI-2 Medicare Part B premium payments made by QI-2 program participants in 1998, so we can refund the $1.07 per month that the QI-2 beneficiaries are entitled to by June 1999. Please remember to send those eligible for the QI-2 program the appropriate Notice of Action, MC 239-1 QI form.

Your assistance with the above process will help to activate another aspect of the Qualifying Individual program. The "Buy-In" Medicare Part B premium process for QI-1 only individuals was activated during the December 1998 month of eligibility.

Thank you for complying with the above request. Also, if you need QI program assistance, please contact Sylvia Finberg of my staff at (916) 657-0080.

Sincerely,

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Angeline Mrva, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch