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

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) DUAL ELIGIBILITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE

This letter is to inform the counties of a SSA outreach project for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) programs that may increase QMB and SLMB inquiries at the county level. SSA is sending letters to beneficiaries that have income at the QMB and SLMB levels and are not currently on the Medicare Buy-In program. The letters state that individuals may be eligible for help with the payment of their Medicare cost sharing and invites them to apply for the QMB and SLMB programs. Because the states were required to refer beneficiaries to a central telephone, beneficiaries will be referred to an Electronic Data System (EDS) hotline number. EDS employees at this number will refer interested beneficiaries to their local county welfare offices. The letter will be sent out in staggered mailings beginning April 1, 2002.

Please direct any questions, regarding this outreach project or this letter to Ms. Vicki Partington of my staff at (916) 654-5909 or E-MailVparting@dhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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