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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.:03-15
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 2003 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR THE QMB, SLMB, AND QI-1
PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2003 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2004
(Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 98-15, 99-15, 00-18,
01-19, and 02-16)

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty levels to be effective April 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004, for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), and Qualified Individual 1 (QI-1) programs. These ceilings are derived from the federal poverty levels published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2003, and are used when determining income eligibility for the QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 programs.

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

Original signed by

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2003 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR QMB, SLMB, & QI-1 PROGRAMS -- 4/1/03 thru 3/31/04

Persons	MN PRGM MMNL(\$)	QMB 100% PROGRAM			SLMB 120% PROGRAM			QI 135% PROGRAM		
		*Mthly	**Mthly +\$20	Annual	*Mthly	**Mthly +\$20	Annual	*Mthly	**Mthly +\$20	Annual
1	\$ 600	\$ 749	\$ 769	\$ 8,980	\$ 898	\$ 918	\$ 10,776	\$ 1,011	\$ 1,031	\$ 12,123
2	\$ 750	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,030	\$ 12,120	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,232	\$ 14,544	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,384	\$ 16,362
2 Adults	\$ 934	\$ 1,010	\$ 1,030	\$ 12,120	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,232	\$ 14,544	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,384	\$ 16,362
3	\$ 934	\$ 1,272	\$ 1,292	\$ 15,260	\$ 1,526	\$ 1,546	\$ 18,312	\$ 1,717	\$ 1,737	\$ 20,601
4	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,534	\$ 1,554	\$ 18,400	\$ 1,840	\$ 1,860	\$ 22,080	\$ 2,070	\$ 2,090	\$ 24,840
5	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,795	\$ 1,815	\$ 21,540	\$ 2,154	\$ 2,174	\$ 25,848	\$ 2,424	\$ 2,444	\$ 29,079
6	\$ 1,417	\$ 2,057	\$ 2,077	\$ 24,680	\$ 2,468	\$ 2,488	\$ 29,616	\$ 2,777	\$ 2,797	\$ 33,318
7	\$ 1,550	\$ 2,319	\$ 2,339	\$ 27,820	\$ 2,782	\$ 2,802	\$ 33,384	\$ 3,130	\$ 3,150	\$ 37,557
8	\$ 1,692	\$ 2,580	\$ 2,600	\$ 30,960	\$ 3,096	\$ 3,116	\$ 37,152	\$ 3,483	\$ 3,503	\$ 41,796
9	\$ 1,825	\$ 2,842	\$ 2,862	\$ 34,100	\$ 3,410	\$ 3,430	\$ 40,920	\$ 3,837	\$ 3,857	\$ 46,035
10	\$ 1,959	\$ 3,104	\$ 3,124	\$ 37,240	\$ 3,724	\$ 3,744	\$ 44,688	\$ 4,190	\$ 4,210	\$ 50,274
For each additional member add:	\$14	\$ 262	\$ 262	\$ 3,140	\$ 314	\$ 314	\$ 3,768	\$ 354	\$ 354	\$ 4,239

* This column represents the monthly countable income limits before the \$20 any income deduction is applied.

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Note: Typically the State would include countable income before the \$20 deduction. This chart reports income both with and without the \$20 deduction because the Health Care Financing Administration provides information to the public with income limits for QMB, SLMB, QI-1, and QI-2 which includes the \$20 any income deduction.