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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
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ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS

Letter No. 03-20

SUBJECT: THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAM SUNSET DATE TO SEPTEMBER 31, 2003
(Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos.: 98-08, 98-15, 98-47, 98-60, 99-14, 99-43, 99-61, and 03-02)

This letter notifies counties of the extension of the Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1) Program sunset date to September 31, 2003.

The QI-1 program provides the state payment of the Medicare Part B premium for individuals with income below 135 percent of the federal poverty level. The QI-1 program was scheduled to sunset December 31, 2002, but Congress initially granted a temporary extension to March 31, 2003. Congress has now appropriated funding for the QI-1 program and the sunset date has been extended through September 21, 2003.

Counties are to continue accepting applications and setting up cases for the QI-1 program. Department of Health Services will continue to keep county staff updated on the status of the QI-1 program. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ms. Vicki Partington of my staff at (916) 654-5909.

Original signed by

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