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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 11-36
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAM
SUNSET DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2011
(Reference All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos.: 98-08, 98-15
98-47, 98-60, 99-14, 99-43, 99-61, 03-02, 03-20, 03-51, 04-11, 04-38,
05-04, 05-37, 07-32, 08-08, 08-33, 09-11

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties that on December 15, 2010, the Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (HR 4994) was signed into law, which extends the Qualifying Individuals-1 (QI-1) sunset date to December 31, 2011.

The QI-1 program provides payment reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums for individuals with income below 135 percent of the federal poverty level. The QI-1 was originally scheduled to sunset December 31, 2002, but Congress has granted a number of temporary extensions.

Because QI-1 has been extended many times, counties are to continue accepting applications and determining eligibility for the QI-1 program until the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) notifies them that the QI-1 program has been discontinued. If the QI-1 program is discontinued, DHCS will:

- Notify the county of the termination date.
- Discontinue the QI-1 eligibility reporting on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System.
- Discontinue the Medicare Part B buy-in.
- Send a notice of discontinuance to QI-1 individuals.
- Send a listing of discontinued QI-1 individuals so that county systems can be updated.

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DHCS will continue to keep county staff updated on the status of QI-1. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Debra J. Hader at (916) 327-0407 or by email at debra.hader@dhcs.ca.gov.

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