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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: UPDATED QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB) PROCESSING CHART

REFERENCE: ACWDLs 90-02, 90-29, 90-42, 90-71, 91-09, 91-24

Enclosed is an updated version of the QMB processing chart which was originally mailed with All County Welfare Directors Letter 90-02. Although the information is similar, we have added more information to help counties answer benefit questions from the applicant.

If you have any program questions, please contact Marge Buzdas at (916) 324-4972, ATSS 454-4972. For systems questions, please contact Michele White at (916 445-2043, ATSS 485-2043.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
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QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM

APPLICANT TYPE	MEDICARE COVERAGE	ACTION REQUIRED	QMB MEDS STATUS (80 Aid Code) **	ADDITIONAL BENEFITS	IMPACT TO APPLICANT
General public	Part A free	MC 210, etc., NOA	Active	Part B premium, Part A & B coinsurance and deductibles.	More spendable income.
General public	Pays Part A	MC 210, etc., NOA	Active	Part A & B premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles.	More spendable income.
General public	No Part A	Applicant must apply for part A at SSA Office January—March. MC 210, etc. NOA	Pending	Part A & B premiums, coinsurance and deductibles.	Part A Medicare now provided. More spendable income if previously purchased Part B.
SSI recipient	Part A free	None*	None*	None	None
SSI recipient	Pays Part A	No face-to-face required. EW completes CA 1, reviews income on MEDS. NOA.	Active	Part A premium (DHS already pays Part B premiums and Part A and B coinsurance and deductibles)	More spendable income.
SSI recipient	No Part A (on Buy-In)	No face-to-face required. EW completes CA 1, reviews income on MEDS. NOA and SSA 795 January—March.	Pending	Part A premium, coinsurance and deductible. DHS already pays Part B premium, coinsurance and deductible.	Possible wider choice of hospital providers, depending on location.
SSI recipient	No Part A or B	Applicant must apply at SSA. If eligible for Part B, process as having no Part A above. If not, send NOA/deny.	Pending if eligible for Part B, if not—none.	If eligible, See above.	If eligible, See above.
Medi-Cal only beneficiary	Part A free	EW reviews income. No NOA or other action required.	Active	None (DHS will receive FFP for part B premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles.)	None
Medi-Cal only beneficiary	Pays Part A	EW reviews income. Send NOA.	Active	Part A premium. DHS already pays Part B premium, Part A and B coinsurance, and deductible.	More spendable income if no share-of-cost case.

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edi-Cal only beneficiary	No Part A (On Buy-In)	EW reviews income. Send NOA and SSA 795 January—March.	Pending	Part A premium, coinsurance and deductible. DHS already pays Part B premium, coinsurance and deductible.	Possible wider choice of hospital providers, depending on location.
edi-Cal only beneficiary	No Part A or B	Applicant must apply at SSA. If eligible for Part B, process as having no Part A above. If not, send NOA/deny. Send DHS 6166 to Buy-In Unit.	Pending if eligible for Part B. If not—none.	If eligible, see above.	If eligible, see above.
DC or IHSS cash cipient	Part A free	None*	None*	None	None
DC or IHSS cash cipient	Pays Part A	EW reviews income. Send NOA.	Active	Part A premium. DHS already pays Part B Premium and Part A and B coinsurance and deductible.	More spendable income.
DC or IHSS cash cipient	No Part A (on Buy-In)	EW reviews income. Send NOA and SSA 795 January—March.	Pending	Part A premium, coinsurance and deductible. DHS already pays Part B premium, coinsurance, and deductible.	Possible wider choice of hospital providers, depending on location.

f an applicant requests a QMB evaluation even though he/she would have no additional benefits, the county should process the application using the same procedure as though he/she pays Part A remium.

Assumed to be otherwise eligible, e.g., income, property, residency.