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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL LETTER NO.: 194

TO: All Holders of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual
All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB) PROGRAM -- ARTICLE 5L

Enclosed is a new page for Article 5L of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual. This chart was original sent out as an All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 91-62.

Please add this to the last page of the current QMB procedures.

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Article 5

Description:

QMB Processing Chart

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None

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If you have any questions, please contact Margie Buzdas of my staff at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure

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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Medi-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.
Medi-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.
AFDC or IHSS cash recipient	Part A free	None*	None*	None	None
AFDC or IHSS cash recipient	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.
AFDC or IHSS cash recipient	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.

* If 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 premium.

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

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