



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Health Care Services



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No: 12-18  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAM  
SUNSET DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2012  
(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, 11-36)

The purpose of this letter is to notify the counties that on February 22, 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (H.R. 3630) was signed into law and extends the Qualifying Individuals-1 (QI-1) program sunset date to December 31, 2012.

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 program was originally scheduled to sunset on 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 counties 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 to counties so that county systems can be updated.

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DHCS will continue to keep county staff updated on the status of the QI-1 program. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Tammy Kaylor at (916) 327-0406 or by email at [tammy.kaylor@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:tammy.kaylor@dhcs.ca.gov).

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