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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administration Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Health Executives
All County Mental Health Directors
All Counties QMB, SLMB, QI Coordinators

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HEALTH NET SENIORITY PLUS DUAL ELIGIBILITY OUTREACH PROJECT

This letter is to inform counties of a dual eligibility outreach project initiated by Health Net, targeting Health Net Seniority Plus plan members. The purpose of this outreach project is to inform Seniority Plus members of the Medicare Savings programs (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary, and Qualifying Individual) and to provide specialized assistance in determining if members are potentially eligible.

The Seniority Plus contractor began sending letters to members on August 17, 2001. The letter provides information on the benefits provided by the Medicare Savings programs and basic eligibility requirements. The letter also provides the telephone number of a Seniority Plus representative that will provide assistance to interested members in determining if he or she meets the Medicare Savings eligibility requirements. Interested members who are potentially eligible for the Medicare Savings programs will be directed to their local county welfare departments to apply. This may result in additional telephone calls or walk-ins at the county welfare departments. At this time, the dual eligibility outreach project is targeted for Orange, San Francisco, and Los Angeles counties. The counties will be notified of future outreach projects with another All County Welfare Director's Letter.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Vicki Partington of my staff at (916) 654-5909 or E-Mail Vparting@dhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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