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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 03-51
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAM
SUNSET DATE TO MARCH 31, 2004
(Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos.: 98-08, 98-15, 98-47,
98-60, 99-14, 99-43, 99-61, 03-02 and 03-20)

This notifies counties of the extension of the Qualifying Individuals 1 (QI-1) Program sunset date to March 31, 2004.

The Q I-1 program provides the state payment of the Medicare Part B premium for individuals with income below 135 percent of the federal poverty level. The QI-1 program was scheduled to sunset December 31, 2002. Congress has granted several extensions including the most current extension date of March 31, 2004.

Counties are to continue accepting applications and setting up cases for the QI-1 program. The Department of Health Services will continue to keep county staff updated on the status of the QI-1 program. Please be aware that Congress typically approves the QI-1 extension dates at the last minute before the program is to sunset. For future reference, when/if the QI-1 programs sunsets, the Department will be responsible for discontinuing QI-1 coverage, sending a notice to the beneficiaries, making the QI-1 aid code (8D) invalid, and sending a report to the counties listing QI-1 discontinued individuals.



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