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To: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-12
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2004 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE
BENEFICIARY, SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY
AND QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1,
2004 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2005
(Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 98-15, 99-15, 00-18, 01-19,
02-16, and 03-15)

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty levels to be effective April 1, 2004, through March 31, 2005, for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), and Qualified Individual 1 (QI-1) programs. These ceiling are derived from the federal poverty levels published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2004, and are used when determining income eligibility for the QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 programs.

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Enclosure

2004 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR QMB, SLMB, & QI-1 PROGRAMS -- 4/1/04 thru 3/31/05

Persons	MN PRGRM (MNL(\$))	QMB		SLMB		O1	
		*Mthly	100% PROGRAM **Mthly +\$20	Annual	*Mthly	120% PROGRAM **Mthly +\$20	Annual
1	\$ 600	\$ 776	\$ 793	9,310	\$ 931	\$ 951	11,172
2	\$ 750	\$ 1,041	\$ 1,061	12,490	\$ 1,249	\$ 1,269	14,988
2 Adults	\$ 934	\$ 1,041	\$ 1,061	12,490	\$ 1,249	\$ 1,269	14,988
3	\$ 934	\$ 1,306	\$ 1,326	15,670	\$ 1,567	\$ 1,587	18,804
4	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,571	\$ 1,591	18,850	\$ 1,885	\$ 1,905	22,620
5	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,836	\$ 1,856	22,030	\$ 2,203	\$ 2,223	26,436
6	\$ 1,417	\$ 2,101	\$ 2,121	25,210	\$ 2,521	\$ 2,541	30,252
7	\$ 1,550	\$ 2,366	\$ 2,386	28,390	\$ 2,839	\$ 2,859	34,068
8	\$ 1,692	\$ 2,631	\$ 2,651	31,570	\$ 3,157	\$ 3,177	37,884
9	\$ 1,825	\$ 2,896	\$ 2,916	34,750	\$ 3,475	\$ 3,495	41,700
10	\$ 1,959	\$ 3,161	\$ 3,181	37,930	\$ 3,793	\$ 3,813	45,516
For each additional member add:		\$ 265	\$ 265	3,180	\$ 318	\$ 318	3,816
		\$ 14			\$ 358	\$ 358	4,293

* This column represents the monthly countable income limits before the \$20 any income deduction is applied.

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Note: Typically the State would include countable income before the \$20 deduction. This chart reports income both with and without the \$20 deduction because the Health Care Financing Administration provides information to the public with income limits for QMB, SLMB, QI-1, and QI-2 which includes the \$20 any income deduction.