

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administration Officers

SUBJECT: MEDICARE BUY-IN ALERTS

This is to inform you that the Buy-In monthly County Response and Master Activity Reports will be replaced by a new type of alert, the "Medicare Buy-In Alerts", which have been added to the MEDS County Worker Alert Reports. The Medicare Buy-In Alert messages are generated as part of the monthly processing of the Buy-In Response File.

The changes to integrate the Medicare Buy-In processing into MEDS and to use the MEDS Worker Alerts to report Buy-In information to counties provide significant benefits. Since messages are generated only for currently active county-controlled recipients, the volume of exceptions to be reported to the counties has been reduced by almost 65 percent. In addition, the messages will be sorted in the sequence each county has requested for its other worker alerts.

Enclosed are advance copies of the MEDS Network User Manual pages for the new messages that will be appearing on the County Worker Alert Reports. These new messages will be included in the next update to Appendix III of the MEDS Network User Manual, to be released later this year. Also enclosed is the "Buy-In Message Correlation Table" which identifies the new MEDS messages that correspond to each message on the old County Response and Master Activity Reports.

The April, May, and June 1990 reports, list of Medicare Buy-In alert messages and the Buy-In Message Correlation Table were sent to the primary MEDS liaison on July 11, 1990. The July 1990 reports will also be sent to the attention of the Primary MEDS Liaison in each county. Beginning in August 1990, the Medicare Buy-In Alerts will be distributed along with the other MEDS County Worker Alert Reports. Primary MEDS Liaisons in each county have been instructed to contact Eunice Puthuff at (916) 739-3343 if they have any questions regarding new Medicare Buy-In Alert messages. For any general MEDS questions, contact your State MEDS Liaison.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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APPENDIX III - MEDS MESSAGES

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A3.3.13 DAILY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM ALERT MESSAGES

8003 BUY-IN ALERT - HIC-NO CHANGED BY BUY-IN UNIT OR SSA

ALERT

This message is to alert county staff that either SSA or the DHS Buy-In Unit has changed the Health Insurance Claim Number on MEDS for this recipient. The data elements associated with this message display the new HIC-NO from the transaction, the old HIC-NO from MEDS and the HIC-SOURCE.

RESPONSE: County records should be updated to reflect the new HIC-NO so that if eligibility is terminated and later reestablished, the latest HIC-NO will be reported to MEDS.

8004 BUY-IN ALERT - CLOSED PERIOD ACCRETION

ALERT

This is an informational alert to let county staff know that a Buy-In accretion transaction covering a history period has been received from SSA. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: No response necessary.

8005 BUY-IN ALERT - DISABLED BUT NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

ALERT

This is an informational alert to let county staff know that a Buy-In accretion transaction was rejected by Baltimore with a status code indicating that the recipient is not yet eligible for Medicare but will be as soon as the waiting period is completed as indicated by the Date of Medicare Entitlement. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Date of Medicare Entitlement.

RESPONSE: No response necessary.

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8006 BUY-IN ALERT - ACCRETION FAILED SSA MATCH CRITERIA

\*URGENT\*

This message indicates that an attempt to purchase Medicare coverage was rejected by SSA because our recipient identification information did not match any record on SSA's Health Insurance Master File. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date. MEDS will initiate a Buy-In accretion on anyone in a potential Medicare covered aid code who is not identified as a Medicare-Ineligible alien and either 1) has a HIC-NO on MEDS, 2) is age 65 or over, or 3) is eligible in a blind or disabled aid category. If the HIC-NO displayed with the message is blank, then the Buy-In was attempted with an SSN because there was no HIC-NO on MEDS. Since the Buy-In attempt did not match a record on SSA's Health Insurance Master File, we are unable to confirm whether or not this recipient is entitled to Medicare.

RESPONSE: The response will vary depending on the following circumstances:

- 1) If the recipient is 65 years of age or over
  - a) if the recipient is an alien who is ineligible for Medicare, report that information to the Buy-In Unit on Form DHS6166 and they will update MEDS to reflect the Medicare-Ineligible alien status.
  - b) if the recipient has not yet applied for Medicare coverage, notify the recipient of the requirement to apply for Medicare coverage as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility.
  - c) if neither a) or b) apply, check for problems as noted under item 2) below.
- 2) If the recipient is a Dialysis eligible (aid code 71) or if you have information confirming that the recipient is either receiving Social Security disability benefits (Title II) or is entitled to Medicare coverage
  - a) if the HIC-NO and/or sex on MEDS is incorrect, submit a correction to update MEDS.
  - b) if the name and/or birthdate on MEDS does not match information on the recipient's Medicare Card or their disability (Title II) award letter from SSA, report the name and birthdate information from the Medicare Card or award letter to the Buy-In Unit on Form DHS6166 and they will update the alternate name/birthdate information on MEDS for use in submitting Buy-In transactions.
  - c) if neither a) or b) apply, report that information to the Buy-In Unit on Form DHS6166 and they will check directly with SSA to resolve the problem that is preventing the Buy-In accretion from matching SSA's file.

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- 3) Otherwise (i.e., the recipient is under 65, is not receiving Social Security disability benefits (Title II) and is not entitled to Medicare coverage)

- a) if the HIC-NO displayed with this message is blank, no action is required.
- b) if the HIC-NO displayed with this message is not blank, submit a transaction to remove the HIC-NO from MEDS.

8007 BUY-IN ALERT - STATE INITIATED ACCRETION

ALERT

This is an informational alert to let county staff know that a state initiated Buy-In accretion transaction was accepted by SSA. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: No response necessary.

8008 BUY-IN ALERT - FED INITIATED, STATE CONTROLLED ACCRETION

ALERT

This is an informational alert to let county staff know that a Buy-In accretion transaction was initiated by SSA. An SSA initiated accretion action normally results either from a Buy-In Complaint or from a Medicare applicant reporting that they have Medicaid eligibility. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: No response necessary.

8009 BUY-IN ALERT - FED DELETION; INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

ALERT

This message alerts county staff that a Buy-In deletion transaction was initiated by SSA because, according to SSA, it appears that the recipient does not meet the eligibility requirements for Medicare. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: If the recipient believes that they should be entitled to Medicare, they should be referred to an SSA Office.

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8010 BUY-IN ALERT - STATE INITIATED DELETION

ALERT

This message alerts county staff that a State initiated Buy-In deletion transaction was confirmed by SSA. The deletion action occurred as a result of a loss of Medi-Cal eligibility in a Buy-In covered aid code. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: No response necessary. If the recipient has subsequently reestablished ongoing eligibility in a Buy-In covered aid code, a new Buy-In accretion action will be initiated automatically.

8011 BUY-IN ALERT - FED INITIATED DELETION

ALERT

This is an informational alert to let county staff know that a Buy-In deletion transaction was initiated by SSA based on either a Buy-In Complaint, a problem memorandum or some other written request to terminate Medicare Buy-In. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: No response necessary.

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A3.3.13 DAILY MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY ALERT MESSAGES

9004 ACTIVE MEDI-CAL RECIPIENT - DECEASED PER SSA BUY-IN \*URGENT\*

This message alerts county staff that either a State initiated Buy-In accretion transaction was rejected by SSA or SSA initiated a Buy-In deletion transaction because, according to SSA, this recipient is deceased. MEDS shows this recipient as a currently active Medi-Cal recipient. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: County staff should verify whether the recipient is in fact deceased and, if they are, should terminate the Medi-Cal eligibility. If the recipient is not deceased, they should be referred to SSA to clear up the problem.

9005 ACTIVE MEDI-CAL RECIPIENT - OUT-OF-STATE PER SSA BUY-IN \*URGENT\*

This message alerts county staff that, according to SSA, this recipient has changed his state of residence to a state other than California. MEDS shows this recipient as a currently active Medi-Cal recipient. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: County staff should verify whether the recipient has in fact moved out of state and, if they have, should terminate their Medi-Cal eligibility. If the recipient has not moved out of state, they should be referred to SSA to clear up the problem.

9006 QMB ELIGIBLE - BUY-IN REJECTED - NO PART-A ENTITLEMENT \*URGENT\*

This message alerts county staff that the state's accretion attempt for Part B Buy-In for a QMB eligible has been rejected by SSA because, according to SSA, this recipient is not entitled to Part A Medicare. Lack of entitlement to Part A Medicare would make a recipient ineligible as a QMB. The data elements associated with this message display the HIC-NO and the Baltimore Effective Date.

RESPONSE: County staff should verify whether the recipient has confirmation of Part A entitlement and, if not, should terminate their QMB eligibility. If the recipient believes that they should be currently entitled to Part A Medicare, they should be referred to SSA to clear up the problem.

# BUY-IN MESSAGE CORRELATION TABLE

## County Response Report Message

FED INITIATED, STATE CONTROLLED BUY-IN  
 TRANSFER OF CONTROL, FEDERAL TO STATE  
 TRANSFER OF CONTROL DUE TO SGA  
 TRANSFER OF CONTROL, STATE TO FEDERAL  
 FED INITIATED DELETE, INELIG MEDICARE  
 DELETED DUE TO DEATH, STATE CASE  
 DELETED DUE TO DEATH, FEDERAL CASE  
 FED INITIATED DELETE, CHANGE OF STATE  
 FED INITIATED DELETION  
 STATE ACCRETION REJECTED DUE TO DEATH  
 TRANS TO FED CONT, BACK TO STATE CONT  
 REJECTED BY SSA, HIC NOT MATCHED

## MEDS County Worker Alert Report - Medicare Buy-In Alert Message

8008 BUY-IN ALERT - FED INITIATED, STATE CONTROLLED ACCRETION ALERT  
 No Buy-In Alert message - County already notified via Ramos process  
 No Buy-In Alert message - County already notified via Ramos process  
 No Buy-In Alert message - County already notified via SDX takeover alert  
 8009 BUY-IN ALERT - FED DELETION, INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE ALERT  
 9004 ACTIVE MEDICAL RECIPIENT - DECEASED PER SSA BUY-IN \*URGENT\*  
 9004 ACTIVE MEDICAL RECIPIENT - DECEASED PER SSA BUY-IN \*URGENT\*  
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 No Buy-In Alert message - County already notified via Ramos process  
 8005 BUY-IN ALERT - DISABLED BUT NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE ALERT  
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## Master Activity Report Message

## MEDS County Worker Alert Report - Medicare Buy-In Alert Message

STATE INITIATED ACCRETION ALERT  
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 8004 BUY-IN ALERT - CLOSED PERIOD ACCRETION ALERT  
 8010 BUY-IN ALERT - STATE INITIATED DELETION ALERT  
 9005 ACTIVE MEDICAL RECIPIENT - OUT-OF-STATE PER SSA BUY-IN \*URGENT\*  
 8008 BUY-IN ALERT - FED INITIATED, STATE CONTROLLED ACCRETION ALERT  
 8011 BUY-IN ALERT - FED INITIATED DELETION ALERT  
 8003 BUY-IN ALERT - HIC-NO CHANGED BY BUY-IN UNIT OR SSA ALERT