

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Letter No. 91-120

TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All Medi-Cal Policy Liaisons  
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

SUBJECT: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs)

REFERENCE: 89-98, 90-02, 91-09

The Department of Health Services (DHS) received a tape of Part A confirmations for QMBs who had sent SSA-795s to the Social Security Administration (SSA) processing center in Great Lakes Program Service Center, Chicago. DHS has sorted and compiled lists of the QMBs on this tape. These lists will allow County Welfare Department (CWD) staff to: 1) send approval/denial Notices of Action (NOAs) to beneficiaries who applied for the QMB program, and 2) update MEDS and individual county systems with accurate eligibility status information. These lists reflect MEDS information as of November 7, 1991, and apply only to beneficiaries who appeared on the SSA tape.

Refer to ACWDL 89-98 and the enclosed Medicare coding chart (Enclosure 1) for more details on the Medicare status codes referred to in this letter. Refer to ACWDL 90-02 for information on NOAs.

Listings

DHS produced four lists which contain all individuals from the SSA tape, who are either: 1) pending (899) QMB status, 2) active QMB status, 3) may require a QMB eligibility evaluation, or 4) are deceased per SSA and were previously reported as QMB eligible by a county.

NOTE: Only one copy of these lists will be sent to the Medi-Cal Program Liaison in each county. The enclosed matrix (Enclosure 2) indicates which list(s), if any, your county will receive.

List Processing

Lists are in order by District, Worker, Case Name and County-ID, with page breaks on District and Worker. Each list has a title identifying the type of beneficiaries included on that list. The title and corresponding action explanations are listed below:

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**LIST: Active QMBs**

This list is for information only. NOTE: The effective date of eligibility for active QMBs must be July 1991. If QMB eligibility was established on MEDS after July 1991, eligibility must be posted retroactive to July 1991.

**LIST: QMB Evaluation Needed**

These beneficiaries will need to have their case files reviewed to determine their appropriate QMB status. The different situations you may find, and the actions you should take, are listed below:

1. Hold or Terminated QMB Status - When your staff review these lists, they will find QMB records with a MEDS eligibility status of 799 (hold status) or 999 (terminated status). These cases must be evaluated to determine if QMB eligibility should be re-established on MEDS. Some counties had systems problems which were inadvertently terminating QMB records on MEDS but not county systems.
2. No QMB status - These SSI individuals are on the Part A Buy-In tape but do not have QMB status on MEDS. If there is an application (CA 1) on file and the beneficiary met the QMB eligibility requirements, post the record in active status effective July 1991 and send an approval NOA. If there is an application on file and the beneficiary was found ineligible for the QMB program, send a denial NOA, if one was not previously sent. If there is no application on file, refer to the processing procedures in ACWDL 91-09 for SSI beneficiaries. The effective date for all such SSI beneficiaries determined to be QMB eligible will be July 1991.

**LIST: Deceased QMBs**

Verify that recipient eligibility has been terminated on the county system.

**LIST: Pending QMBs**

Update both systems (MEDS and county systems) to active status and send an approval NOA. The effective date of active status must be July 1991.

**General Reminder Regarding QMB Application Processing**

NO HIC# - If a case record has no Health Insurance Claim Number (HIC#), DHS

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cannot attempt to Buy-In for Part A eligibility. If the HIC# is in the case file, remember to update both your county system and MEDS with this information. NOTE: QMB eligibility should never be established without a HIC# on the case record. If there is no HIC# for the beneficiary, deny the QMB application and refer the beneficiary to SSA.

If you have any policy questions, please contact Marge Buzdas at (916) 657-0726. If you have any Systems questions, which you believe to be programming errors, please contact the MEDS Hotline at 916-654-0341. If you have any questions relating to Medicare Buy-In issues, please contact the Medicare Premium Payment Unit at 916-739-3200.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Enclosures

# NEW MEDI-CAL CARD & MEDS MEDICARE CODING

Enclosure /

## MEDS CODES (2 digits)

## MEDI-CAL CARD CODES (1 digit)

Digit = Part A (Hospital Coverage)

Second Digit = Part B (Medical Coverage)

Blank -- Not Entitled

Blank/0 No Medicare Part A

Blank/0 No Medicare Part B

1 Paid by Beneficiary

1 Paid by Beneficiary

2 Paid by State

2 Paid by State

3 Free

3 Not Applicable

4 Not Applicable

4 Paid by Other Entity

5 BI Reject, Bendex Eligible

5 BI Reject, Bendex Eligible

6 BI Reject, Presumed Eligible

6 BI Reject, Presumed Eligible

7 Presumed Eligible

7 Presumed Eligible

8 BI Reject, Not Presumed Eligible

8 BI Reject, Not Presumed Eligible

9 Alien

9 Alien

1 Part A only

2 Part B only

3 Part A and Part B

BI Reject -- Buy-In accretion rejected.

Bendex Eligible -- Bendex File indicates Medicare entitlement.

## MEDS/Medi-Cal Card Cross-Reference Chart

Medi-Cal Card Codes	MEDS: Medicare Part B (second digit)									
	0	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	
0	—	2	2	2	2	2	2	—	—	
1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
5	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
6	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
7	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	—	
8	—	2	2	2	2	2	2	—	—	
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

A dash indicates a blank on the Medi-Cal card.

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## ===== Record Counts by Type of QMB Report =====

County	Active QMBs	Evaluation Needed	Pending QMBs	Deceased QMBs
01	57	31	104	2
02	-	-	-	-
03	-	-	-	-
04	-	1	-	-
05	-	-	-	-
06	-	-	-	-
07	8	-	1	1
08	-	-	-	-
09	-	-	-	-
10	4	4	4	-
11	-	-	-	-
12	11	1	-	-
13	3	2	-	-
14	1	-	-	-
15	20	4	1	-
16	-	1	-	-
17	-	-	-	-
18	-	-	-	-
19	915	270	34	13
20	-	-	-	-
21	8	-	1	-
22	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-
24	2	2	-	-
25	-	-	-	-
26	-	-	-	-
27	1	-	-	-
28	2	2	-	-
29	-	-	-	-
30	9	15	21	-
31	-	-	1	-
32	-	-	-	-
33	2	5	30	1
34	17	9	31	1
35	-	-	-	-
36	2	2	-	-
37	44	17	120	2
38	109	97	270	3
39	6	-	-	-
40	-	-	-	-
41	34	33	22	1
42	-	1	-	-
43	192	29	201	4
44	2	2	2	-
45	-	-	-	-
46	-	-	-	-
47	-	-	1	-
48	3	-	2	-
49	15	7	1	-
50	1	5	-	-
51	-	-	-	-
52	-	1	-	-
53	-	-	-	-
54	2	1	1	-
55	-	-	-	-
56	7	1	19	2
57	5	-	-	-
58	-	-	-	-
Statewide	1,482	543	867	30