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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIASENS

SUBJECT: 2008 PREMIUM PAYMENT (BUY-IN) HANDBOOK

This letter is to inform you that the Premium Payment (Buy-In) Handbook has been revised and is now available On-Line.

In accordance with Section 50777 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, all Medi-Cal recipients eligible for Medicare Part B are required to participate in the Medicare Buy-In Program. The handbook was prepared to provide information and guidance to county eligibility workers concerning Medi-Cal, Medicare, and the Premium Payment (Buy-In) Program. In addition, a detailed reference section is included to assist eligibility workers with the Buy-In Program.

The Premium Payment (Buy-In) Handbook is accessible electronically through the Department of Health Care Services Web Site at:

[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD\\_MOU\\_cont.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_MOU_cont.aspx) under "Premium Payment Handbook".

If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please contact Ms. Yolanda Orozco in the Medicare Operations Unit, Buy-In Program at (916) 650-6562 or email [yolanda.orozco@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:yolanda.orozco@dhcs.ca.gov).

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