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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 04-11
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 INDIVIDUALS 1 PROGRAM
SUNSET DATE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004
(Ref: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos.: 98-08, 98-15, 98-47,
98-60, 99-14, 99-43, 99-61, 03-02, 03-20, and 03-51)

This letter notifies counties of the extension of the Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1) program sunset date to September 30, 2004.

The QI-1 program provides payment of the Medicare Part B premium for individuals with income below 135 percent of the federal poverty level. The QI-1 program was originally scheduled to sunset December 31, 2002, but Congress has granted a number of temporary extensions. The QI-1 program sunset date has again been extended, this time to September 20, 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. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call Ms. Vicki Partington at (916) 552-9496.

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