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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 06-06
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS
ALL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2006 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE
BENEFICIARY, SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY,
AND QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS 1 PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1,
2006 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos. 98-15, 99-15, 00-18,
01-19, 02-16, 03-15, 04-02, and 05-12)

The enclosed chart provides you with the poverty levels to be effective April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007, 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 January 24, 2006, (Volume 71, Number 15, Page 3848) and are used when determining income eligibility for the QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 programs.

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Enclosure

2006 POVERTY LEVEL CHART FOR QMB, SLMB, & QI-1 PROGRAMS -- 4/1/06 thru 3/31/07

| Persons | MN PRGRM MMNL(\$) | QMB 100% PROGRAM | | | SLMB 120% PROGRAM | | | Q1 135% PROGRAM | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|---------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|----------|
| | | *Mthly | **Mthly +\$20 | Annual | *Mthly | **Mthly +\$20 | Annual | *Mthly | **Mthly +\$20 | Annual |
| 1 | \$600 | \$817 | \$837 | \$9,800 | \$980 | \$1,000 | \$11,760 | \$1,103 | \$1,123 | \$13,230 |
| 2 | \$750 | \$1,100 | \$1,120 | \$13,200 | \$1,320 | \$1,340 | \$15,840 | \$1,485 | \$1,505 | \$17,820 |
| 2 Adults | \$934 | \$1,100 | \$1,120 | \$13,200 | \$1,320 | \$1,340 | \$15,840 | \$1,485 | \$1,505 | \$17,820 |
| 3 | \$934 | \$1,384 | \$1,404 | \$16,600 | \$1,660 | \$1,680 | \$19,920 | \$1,868 | \$1,888 | \$22,410 |
| 4 | \$1,100 | \$1,667 | \$1,687 | \$20,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,020 | \$24,000 | \$2,250 | \$2,270 | \$27,000 |
| 5 | \$1,259 | \$1,950 | \$1,970 | \$23,400 | \$2,340 | \$2,360 | \$28,080 | \$2,633 | \$2,653 | \$31,590 |
| 6 | \$1,417 | \$2,234 | \$2,254 | \$26,800 | \$2,680 | \$2,700 | \$32,160 | \$3,015 | \$3,035 | \$36,180 |
| 7 | \$1,550 | \$2,517 | \$2,537 | \$30,200 | \$3,020 | \$3,040 | \$36,240 | \$3,398 | \$3,418 | \$40,770 |
| 8 | \$1,692 | \$2,800 | \$2,820 | \$33,600 | \$3,360 | \$3,380 | \$40,320 | \$3,780 | \$3,800 | \$45,360 |
| 9 | \$1,825 | \$3,084 | \$3,104 | \$37,000 | \$3,700 | \$3,720 | \$44,400 | \$4,163 | \$4,183 | \$49,950 |
| 10 | \$1,959 | \$3,367 | \$3,387 | \$40,400 | \$4,040 | \$4,060 | \$48,480 | \$4,545 | \$4,565 | \$54,540 |
| For each additional member add: | \$14 | \$284 | \$284 | \$3,400 | \$340 | \$340 | \$4,080 | \$383 | \$383 | \$4,590 |

* 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.