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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS   LETTER NO.: 07-32
                 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
                 ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPRCIALISTS/LIAISONS
                 ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
                 ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
                 ALL COUNTY QMB/SLMB/QI COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: THE EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL 1 PROGRAM
                SUNSET DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 2007
                (Reference All County Welfare Directors Letter Nos.: 98-08, 98-15, 98-47,
                98-60, 99-14, 99-43, 99-61, 03-02, 03-20, 03-51, 04-11, 04-38, 05-37)

This letter notifies counties that on September 29, 2007, H.R. 3668 was signed into law, which extends the Qualifying Individuals-1 (QI-1) sunset date to December 31, 2007.

The QI-1 program provides the State payment of the Medicare Part B premiums 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.

Because the QI-1 program has been extended many times, counties are to continue accepting applications and determining eligibility for the QI-1 program until the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) notifies them that the QI-1 program has been discontinued. If the QI-1 program is discontinued, DHCS will: notify the county of the termination date; discontinue the QI-1 eligibility reporting on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System; discontinue the Medicare Part B buy-in; send a notice of discontinuance to the QI-1 individuals; and send a listing of discontinued QI-1s so that the county systems can be updated.

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DHCS 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 Debra J. Hader at (916) 552-9494 or email Dhader@dhcs@ca.gov

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