

DMA ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 14-03, CERTIFICATION PERIOD EXTENSION FOR QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS (QI1)

DATE: November 5, 2002

SUBJECT: Certification Period Extension for Qualifying Individuals (QI1)

DISTRIBUTION: County Directors of Social Services
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I. BACKGROUND

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established a mandatory eligibility group of low income Medicare beneficiaries. The funding for this group, the Qualifying Individuals (QI1/MQB-E), was based on a fixed allocation at 100% Federal Financial Participation (ffp) through December 2002.

President George W. Bush has signed a continuing resolution to extend funding of the QI1 program through January 2003. Congress is still in session and may take action to continue funding the QI1 program past January 2003, but what action will be taken is unknown at this time.

The purpose of this letter is to outline procedures for extending the QI1 program through January 31, 2003. There will be a subsequent administrative letter regarding what will happen to the QI1 program after January 31, 2003.

II. PROCEDURES FOR MQB-E (QI1)

A. Extending Certification Period

EIS automatically will extend the certification through date for MQB-E cases to January 31, 2003. We anticipate this update occurring the night of November 25, 2002. A list of the cases that are updated will be available the next day in a report on XPTR. The report name will be "DHREJ QI1 Cert Ext Thru 1/31/03". We will confirm by terminal message on November 25, 2002, if the update will occur that night.

B. Applications and Transfers

Beginning November 1, counties cannot approve MQB-E applications or transfer into MQB-E with a Medicaid certification through date later than January 31, 2003.

C. Re-enrollments

1. The production of re-enrollment forms, labels, and the re-enrollment report that all usually run October 31st were not run because funding for the coming year is undetermined at this time.
2. Beginning November 1, 2002 do not give re-enrollment forms to recipients.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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