

DMA ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 14-03, ADDENDUM 15, MQB-E CERTIFICATION PERIOD EXTENSION TO 12/31/07

DATE: August 20, 2007

SUBJECT: MQB-E Certification Period Extension to 12/31/07

**DISTRIBUTION: County Directors of Social Services
Medicaid Eligibility Staff**

I. BACKGROUND

MQB-E, also known as Qualifying Individuals I (QI-1), is funded by Congress through September 30, 2007. It is anticipated funding for the program will be extended; however, it is uncertain regarding the length of the extension. Therefore, another certification period extension is being completed in EIS for MQB-E cases. The State plans to continue the annual re-enrollment process in October 2007 should the program be extended by Congress. We will send out a subsequent letter to notify you when we know more.

II. PROCEDURES FOR MQB-E (QI-1)

EIS automatically will extend the certification through date for MQB-E cases to December 31, 2007. This update will occur on the night of August 29, 2007. A list of the cases that are updated will be available the next day in a report on XPTR. The XPTR name is "DHREJ QI1 Cert Period Extended". To view this list, select the version with the most current date.

Do not key any changes to MQB-E cases or transfers to MQB-E on August 29, 2007. Either key these before or after August 29, 2007. Approvals may be keyed any day.

On August 30, 2007, an automated DSS-8108, Notification of Benefits, will be mailed to recipients whose certification period was updated automatically notifying them of their continued eligibility through 12/31/2007. These cases will be included on the Notice Register.

MQB-E cases with an 8125 pending the day the certification period extension runs and active MQB-E cases that do not have a certification through date of 9/30/2007 will not be updated automatically. These cases will require you to key a DSS-8125 to update the certification period to 12/31/2007 if the case remains active MQB-E. If your county has any of these cases, your MPR will e-mail you a list.

Pull the cases from the list and key the DSS-8125 to update the certification period. Enter the redetermination code (01). By using code 01, the recipient will be mailed an automated DSS-8108, Notification of Benefits, notifying him of his continued eligibility through 12/31/2007. Do not override the notice.

III. MEDICAID CLASSIFICATION CHANGES AND PROGRAM TRANSFERS TO MQB-E

Beginning August 30, 2007, begin entering a certification through date of 12/31/2007 for changes and transfers to MQB-E.

IV. APPLICATIONS FOR MQB-E

When approving an ongoing MQB-E case, enter a certification through date of 12/31/2007 unless the case is terminating earlier.

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

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