DMA ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 14-03, ADDENDUM 8, MQB-E CERTIFICATION PERIOD EXTENSION TO 09/30/2004

DATE: January 13, 2004

SUBJECT: MQB-E Certification Period Extension to 09/30/04

DISTRIBUTION: County Directors of Social Services Medicaid Eligibility Staff

I. BACKGROUND

Previously, QI1/MQB-E was funded through March 31, 2004. Congress has continued funding the program through September 30, 2004. Since funding has been continued, another certification period extension is being completed in EIS for MQB-E cases. Congress will decide later what happens to the program after September 30th.

In the past, a notice was not mailed to the recipient when an automated certification period extension occurred. For this certification period extension, an automated DSS-8108 notice will be mailed to each recipient whose case is updated.

Do not key any changes to MQB-E cases or transfers to MQB-E on February 25, 2004. Either key these before or after February 25, 2004. Approvals may be keyed any day.

II. PROCEDURES FOR EXTENDING CERTIFICATION PERIOD TO 09/30/2004

EIS automatically will extend the certification through date for MQB-E cases to September 30, 2004. This update will occur on the night of February 25, 2004. 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. On February 26, 2004, an automated DSS-8108 will be mailed to recipients whose certification period was updated automatically notifying him of his continued eligibility through 09/30/2004. 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 03/31/2004 will not be updated automatically. These cases will require you to key a DSS-8125 to update the certification period to 09/30/2004 if the case remains active MQB-E. DMA will notify you which cases these are. When keying the DSS-8125 to update the certification period, enter the appropriate redetermination code (01 or 9A). Do not override the notice. By using code 01 or 9A, the recipient will be mailed an automated DSS-8108 notifying him of his continued eligibility through 09/30/2004.

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

Beginning February 26, 2004, begin entering a certification through date of 09/30/2004 for changes and transfers to MQB-E.

IV. APPLICATIONS FOR MQB-E

Beginning February 26, 2004, when approving an ongoing MQB-E case, enter a certification through date of 09/30/2004 unless the case is terminating earlier.

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

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