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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors and Third Party
Liability Staff
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SUBJECT: Clarification of GIS 01 MA/001, "Specified Low-Income Medicare
Beneficiaries (SLIMB) and Spenddown"
EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately
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In GIS 01 MA/001, two separate aspects of the relationship between the SLIMB and spenddown programs were addressed. One dealt with eligibility for and discussion with the applicant of the two programs. The other dealt with proper coding of the Buy-in record on the Welfare Management System (WMS).

There is no change to the requirement to explain the programs to the applicant. However, the last sentence of GIS 01 MA/001 that discussed the addition and removal of the Buy-in code "L" from the Medicare Part B Buy-in record on WMS is no longer in effect and should be deleted. The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has clarified their position on this coding. Effective immediately, if a recipient is identified as a SLIMB (code "L" on the Buy-in) and then becomes eligible for Medicaid as a result of meeting his or her spenddown, the "L" does not have to be removed from the WMS Buy-in record. HCFA will now refer to these individuals as "SLIMB Plus".

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact your county's representative in the Bureau of Local District Support.