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TO: Local District Commissioners
Medicaid Directors

FROM: Ann Clemency Kohler, Deputy Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Redetermination of Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) and Qualified
Individual-2 (QI-2) Eligibility and New Fiscal Data for 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 1998

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Fiscal Data

The Department recently received the following 1999 fiscal data from the Health Care Financing Administration related to Medicaid/Medicare dual eligibles.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Medicare Monthly Part B Premium	\$43.80	\$45.50
Qualified Individual Program		
Allocation For New York State	\$14.3 million	\$16.6 million
QI-2 Monthly Payment	\$1.07	\$2.10
QI-2 Annual Payment	\$12.84	\$25.20

The following procedure is to be used for redetermining Qualified Individual eligibility for 1999. This procedure is only to be used for individuals who were found eligible for either of the Qualified Individual programs for some portion of 1998. Final information pertaining to determining and redetermining eligibility for both of these programs for individuals who apply for the first time after January 1, 1999 will be presented in a forthcoming administrative directive (ADM). Until that ADM is issued, the instruction contained in this GIS will be used.

The Department of Health (DOH) will pull the names and addresses of the Qualified Individuals who were determined eligible for 1998 off of the Welfare Management System and mail a special notification from Albany to all who were indicated on the third party Medicare Buy-In screen as "U" for QI-1 or "T" for QI-2 in 1998. These persons will be sent a special notification of continued eligibility for 1999. The Department will provide a list to each local department of social services (LDSS) of the individuals who were mailed these notifications.

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If envelopes containing these notifications are returned as "Undeliverable", DOH will send them to the appropriate LDSS with instructions to investigate and end the Buy-In coverage if necessary.

Effective December 28, 1998, the DOH will automatically change the Buy-In coverage dates on the third party subsystem to 1/1/99 through 12/31/99 for all QIs who had coverage through 12/31/98 and were already on the file by that date. All transactions entered on or after December 28, 1998 should be entered onto WMS using the appropriate begin date and an end date of 12/31/99. LDSSs should end the coverage on the Buy-In screen if the individual/couple is found ineligible in 1999.

The LDSS will not have to conduct a face-to-face interview for the 1999 redeterminations of Qualified Individual eligibility. As the special notification explains, individuals are instructed to contact their LDSS if their income and/or resources change in 1999. If you are contacted, you will need to calculate a MBL budget to determine continued eligibility.