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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
 New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs Supervisors

SUBJECT: Dual Eligible Outreach Initiative

This is to advise you that the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and the Department of Health and Senior Services recently accepted an opportunity to participate in a dual eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) outreach effort which was offered to the State of New Jersey by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

In an effort to maximize enrollment of dual eligibles, the outreach focus is to advise former Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries of the availability of the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs, including payment of Medicare premiums and copayments for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), and former aged, blind and disabled New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs beneficiaries of the availability of the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) and Qualifying Individuals (QI-1 and QI-2) programs.

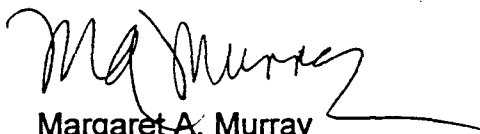
Over the next few weeks, letters will be mailed to approximately 12,000 former beneficiaries advising them of the opportunity to apply for these programs, which can assist with the payment of Medicare monthly premiums, where applicable. As a result, your agencies can anticipate a number of phone calls in response to these outreach letters.

If you receive inquiries relating to "QMB", please be reminded that the QMB program is part of the aged, blind and disabled segment of the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs and should be responded to accordingly. In addition to Medicare payments and copayments, eligible individuals are also entitled to full Medicaid coverage.

Anyone who may contact your agency and appears to be ineligible for this segment of New Jersey Care should be referred to the SLMB, QI-1 and QI-2 programs, which are administered through the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). More information about these programs is available by calling DHSS at 1-800-792-9745.

Please share this information with appropriate agency staff. Your ongoing commitment to this population and your participation in the outreach effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Division's Bureau of Eligibility Policy at (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,


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