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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors, Third Party Supervisors

FROM: Betty Rice, Director
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SUBJECT: Qualified Individual Program (QI-2) Termination December 31, 2002

EFFECTIVE DATE December 31, 2002

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This is to inform local departments of social services that the Qualified Individual-2 (QI-2) program authorized by the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and Social Services Law Section 367-a (3)(d)(2) will sunset on December 31, 2002.

The New York State Department of Health, Office of Medicaid Management will be mailing a "Notification of Discontinuance of the Qualified Individual-2 Program" to individuals enrolled in the QI-2 program as of November 8, 2002. A copy of the notice is attached for your information. Recipients do not have a right to appeal this discontinuance.

Since these cases were actually denied on WMS when an individual was determined eligible as a QI-2, no action will be necessary on the part of the local departments of social services. Cases determined eligible on or after November 8, 2002 will not receive the State generated notice. Therefore, local district staff will have to send the attached notification of discontinuance. A list of individuals who have been sent the state generated notice of discontinuance, will be sent to local districts under separate cover.

There will be changes made to the budgeting methodology on MBL; however, they will not be completed by December 31st. When determining eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program after January 1, 2003, the case should be denied if MBL indicated eligibility for the QI-2 program.

The QI-2 check reimbursements for calendar year 2002 will be sent directly to QI-2 participants by the State some time during calendar year 2003.

It is expected that the Qualified Individual -1 program will be reauthorized for 2003. Therefore, there are no changes to the Qualified Individual-1 program at this time.



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NOTIFICATION OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL-2 PROGRAM

During calendar year 2002, you were eligible to have Medicaid pay part of your Medicare Part B premium.

The current federal funding that allowed this Department to pay part of your Medicare Part B premium will no longer be available after December 31, 2002.

This letter notifies you that this Department will, therefore, discontinue the partial payment of your Medicare Part B premium effective December 31, 2002.

If you were eligible for this partial payment of your Part B premium, you will receive a check for the number of months in calendar year 2002 that you were eligible for this benefit. You will receive this check sometime during calendar year 2003.

On the reverse side of this notice is information about other programs that may be available to help you with your Medicare Part B premiums. If you think you may be eligible for one of these other programs, please contact your local county department of social services.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

New York State Department of Health
Office of Medicaid Management

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THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY CAN ASSIST INDIVIDUALS/COUPLES IN PAYING FOR THEIR MEDICARE PREMIUMS.

Full Medicaid: This program pays for a wide range of medical care, services and supplies as well as the coinsurance and deductible payments for Medicare beneficiaries. The 2003 income and resource requirements for those applicants who are aged, or certified blind or disabled are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single:	\$642 per month	\$3,850
Couple	\$934 per month	\$5,600

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB): This program can pay for either the Medicare Part A or Part B premium. For payment of the Medicare Part A premium, applicants must conditionally enroll in Medicare Part A at their local Social Security Office. This program also pays for the Medicare Parts A and B coinsurance and deductibles. The 2003 income and resource requirements for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$773 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1,035 per month	\$6,000

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLIMB): This program pays for Medicare Part B premium only. The applicant must have Medicare Part A in order to be eligible for the program. The 2003 income and resource requirement for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$923 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1,237 per month	\$6,000

Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1): This program pays for the Medicare Part B premium only. The applicant must have Medicare Part A. States are allotted money for this program on a yearly basis. There is no resource test for this program. The 2003 income requirement for this program is:

	Income Below
Single	\$1,036 per month
Couple	\$1,390 per month

Applications for all of these programs may be obtained from the Medicaid office at the local (county) department of social services. The phone number for the local department of social services may be found in the government pages of the telephone book. In New York City, the phone number for the Medicaid hotline is (718) 557-1399