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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO: 93-10

DATE: 4/6/93

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries Outreach

This is to advise that county welfare agencies (CWA) may receive inquiries as a result of a recent outreach by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to individuals who potentially qualify for the payment of their Medicare Part A premiums under the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) provision. The individuals targeted for outreach are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the State is paying their Part B premiums, but they do not have Part A Medicare coverage.

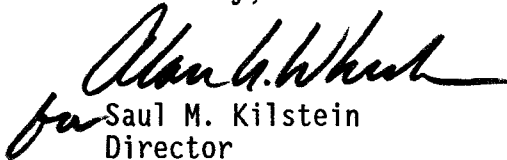
Approximately 15,000 New Jersey SSI recipients who do not have Medicare Part A coverage received the attached notice. This notice advised these individuals that, in addition to the payment of their Part B premium, their Medicare Part A premium could be paid under the QMB provision. Since these individuals already receive full Medicaid benefits, they will not receive additional services other than the payment of their Medicare Part A premiums.

To be eligible for premium payment, an individual must enroll and be entitled to receive Medicare Part A coverage. Interested individuals were instructed to sign the enrollment form, which was provided in the outreach package, and return it to the Social Security Administration before March 31, 1993.

Should the county welfare agencies receive inquiries concerning Medicare Part A enrollment, a referral should be made to the Social Security Administration's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. That number is available business days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For individuals who met the March 31 deadline, but who have not received a notice from the Health Care Financing Administration by July 1, 1993 advising that the State will be paying Part A premiums, the CWA should advise the applicant that they may inquire about their status by writing to the Medicaid Buy-In Unit, CN-712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to the Medicaid field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,


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Director

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Attachment

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE ABOUT THE QMB PROGRAM

Dear Medicare Beneficiary:

You may be eligible for additional Medicaid benefits. This letter explains why, and what you need to do to find out whether you qualify.

Our records show that your Part B Medicare premiums are paid by your State Medicaid agency, and that you do not have Part A Medicare coverage. Although that Part A coverage would normally require you to pay a premium, if you are already receiving Medicaid, that premium could also be covered by the State under the qualified Medicare beneficiary benefit also known as QMB.

To become a QMB, you must meet two requirements:

- 1) You must have limited income and resources; and
- 2) You must sign up for Part A Medicare benefits.

Because you get Supplemental Security Income, we believe you probably meet the first requirement. But you must sign up for Part A Medicare benefits to qualify for the QMB program. If you want this benefit you need to:

Sign the enclosed form and return it to the:

Social Security Administration
P.O. Box 5740
Chicago, Illinois 60680

YOU MUST MAIL THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 31, 1993; AND

The Social Security Administration will process your Part A Medicare application for coverage effective July 1, 1993. It will also notify the State of New Jersey that you have enrolled in Part A Medicare. If, by September 1, you have not received notice from the Health Care Financing Administration advising that the State will be paying your Part A premiums, you may inquire about your status by writing:

Medicaid Buy-In Unit, CN-712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

If you have any questions about this letter or want to know more about Part A Medicare, call the Social Security Administration's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The hours of operation during business days are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.