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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors and Third Party

Resource Workers

FROM: Betty Rice, Director, Division of Consumer and Local District

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SUBJECT: Outreach Activities for the Medicare Premium Payment Program,

QMB, SLMB, QI-1 and QI-2

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Barbara Pukis, Bureau of Third Party Liability

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The purpose of this GIS is to advise local departments of social services of a Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) mailing which is expected to increase inquiries about the Medicare Premium Payment Program.

HCFA will be mailing posters concerning the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program, the Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) program and the Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) program to Social Security Administration Offices and more than 50,000 enrolled Medicaid providers (pharmacies, physicians, hospitals, etc.) throughout the state. A cover letter requests that this poster be displayed prominently in their stores, offices, waiting rooms and other public areas. The poster includes general program information and a telephone list of all local county departments of social services.

Should you have any questions about this letter or any outreach activities, please call Barbara Pukis at (518) 474-9795.