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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

**FROM:** Kathryn Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Medicaid Management

**SUBJECT:** Redetermination of Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) and Qualified Individual-2 (QI-2) Eligibility and New Fiscal Data for 2000

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON:** County Liaison in the Bureau of Local District Support  
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#### Fiscal Data

The Department recently received the following 2000 fiscal data from the Health Care Financing Administration related to Medicaid/Medicare dual eligibles.

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Medicare Monthly Part B Premium	\$45.50	\$45.50 (no change)
Qualified Individual (QI) Program		
QI-2 Monthly Payment	\$2.23	\$2.87
QI-2 Annual Payment	\$26.76	\$34.44
New York Allocation for QI's	\$16.6M	\$19.7M

The following procedure is to be used for redetermining Qualified Individual eligibility for 2000. This procedure is only to be used for individuals who were found eligible for either of the Qualified Individual programs for some portion of 1999.

The Department of Health (DOH) will pull the names and addresses of the Qualified Individuals who were determined eligible for 1999 from the Welfare Management System and mail on February 18, 2000, 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 1999. The notification (attached) will advise the 1999 recipients to fill out a simplified "Re-enrollment Form" (attached) and mail it to their local department of social services within 14 days of the date of the mailing. The DOH will insert county specific self-addressed postage-paid return envelopes. The Department will provide a list to each local department of social services (LDSS) of the individuals who were mailed these notifications. QI-1s and QI-2s will be printed on separate lists for ease of use.

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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.

The LDSS will not have to conduct a face-to-face interview for re-enrollments of Qualified Individuals in 2000 but you will need to calculate a MBL budget to determine continued eligibility and issue appropriate notices based upon your determination. Checks for QI-2 partial Medicare Part B premium payments for 1999 will be issued centrally by DOH.

Effective December 20,1999, the DOH will automatically change the Buy-In coverage dates on the third party subsystem to 1/1/00 through 12/31/00 for all QIs who had coverage through 12/31/99 and were already on the file by that date. All transactions entered on or after December 20, 1999 should be entered onto WMS using the appropriate begin date and an end date of 12/31/00. LDSSs should end the coverage on the Buy-In screen if the individual/couple is found ineligible in 2000.