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Re: ID Card Insert for April 2006

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attached to this letter is a copy of a notice that will be included in the April 2006 Medicaid ID cards for MQB-Q recipients only. This same notice will also be mailed to MQB-B/E clients in early April. The notice advises recipients that they will be automatically enrolled into a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan if they do not enroll themselves by April 30, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

L. Allen Dobson

Attachment

ATTENTION: If You Receive Medicare

Since you receive Medicare, you are eligible to join a Medicare prescription drug plan to help cover the cost of your prescriptions. If you have not already enrolled in a plan, you have until **May 15, 2006**, to join a plan. If you join a plan after May 15, 2006, you will be subject to a monthly penalty on your premium.

This is to notify you that since you receive assistance under a Medicare Savings Program, you will be automatically enrolled in a plan if you do not select a plan by **April 30, 2006**. Medicare will automatically enroll you to ensure that you are not subject to a monthly penalty. You will receive a letter from CMS notifying you of the plan chosen for you. You will also receive information from the plan. This will include information such as: covered drugs, participating pharmacies, and contact numbers.

If the plan chosen for you does not meet your needs, you may choose a different plan at any time. It is best if you change plans at the beginning of the month rather than the end of the month. Enrollments later in the month make it less likely that all of the information needed to file a claim correctly will be available at the pharmacy or the plan.

To change plans you may contact one of the following:

**Prescription Drug Plan chosen for you, or
1-800-MEDICARE or WWW.MEDICARE.GOV, or
Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) 1-800-443-9354**