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Re: LIS as Worker/District # on Medicaid Applications from SSA

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The Medicare Improvements Patient and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) mandated that, effective January 1, 2010, an application for the Medicare Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program will be considered as an application for the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), known in North Carolina as the MQB programs. Since in North Carolina, an application for MSP is considered an application for Medicaid, the county will evaluate the individual for all possible Medicaid programs.

Beginning January 1, 2010, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will transmit daily electronic data for each LIS application when SSA determines on an initial application that a person is eligible or not eligible for LIS. DMA will match the data with current Medicaid recipient data and create an electronic North Carolina Medicaid application for individuals who are not Medicaid/MQB recipients. The county department of social services will then be notified of the electronic application on the regular Adjusted Application Management Report. **The Worker # and the District # on the Medicaid application will be populated with "LIS". If any worker is presently coded as "LIS", please change the worker/district # by the end of November. If the number is not changed, this worker will have all new LIS applications keyed in January assigned to his/her worker number.**

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

Sincerely,

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