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THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL-1 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM WILL BE CONTINUED THROUGH FEBRUARY 2012

We recently sent you a letter informing you that your Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) benefits were ending December 31, 2011. **Congress extended the QI-1 program through February and provided additional funding so we will pay your January 2012 and February 2012 Medicare Part B premiums as long as you remain eligible.**

Because Congress has only extended the program through February 2012, your QI-1 benefits will end February 29, 2012. You will be responsible for paying your Medicare Part B premiums beginning March 1, 2012.

If Congress extends the program past February 2012 and provides the needed funding, we will continue your benefits and will send you a letter.

Because this action is based on the end of federal funding for the QI-1 program and affects all persons receiving QI-1 coverage, you do not have a right to a hearing.

IMPORTANT: While you will be responsible for your Medicare Part B premiums beginning March 2012, the premiums will not be deducted from your Social Security payments for a few months because it takes about two months for the Social Security Administration to update your records. However, the Social Security Administration will withhold the Medicare premiums for the months beginning March 2012 from the Social Security payment you receive when the records are updated. You will need to plan for this reduction in your income for that month. If you have questions about your Medicare premium, please call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

Our records show that you make too much money to qualify for other types of help with the cost of your medical care. But if your income is lower than it was when you last told us about your income, or if you are now living with a spouse or a dependent child who you were not living with before, you may be eligible for help in paying your Medicare premium through the Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) or Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) programs. Contact your Eligibility Specialist if your monthly income from all sources will be below \$1,089 for a single person or \$1,471 for a couple. If all or some of your income is from employment, you may be eligible even if your income is higher. If you think that this applies to you, contact your Eligibility Specialist and the Eligibility Specialist will determine if you are eligible for these other programs.