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**FROM: CHARLES HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA  
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**RE: SPECIFIED LOW- INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (SLMB)**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS**

**SUMMARY:** The funding allocated for the Qualifying Individual-2 (QI-2), also known as **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary-III (SLMB-III)** program, in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 was time limited and has not been re-authorized by Congress. However, customers eligible for **SLMB II** have been granted funding that will pay their Medicare Part B premium through **January 31, 2003**. Continued eligibility for **SLMB II** customers will be determined when Congress returns.

The **SLMB III** program ends **December 31, 2002**. Customers eligible for **SLMB III** who receive the \$3.91 Medicaid payment towards their Medicare Part B premium, will not receive payment for any months after **December 31, 2002**. **SLMB III** customers will receive payment for the months they were eligible through December 2002.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** DHR Central will automatically close approximately 970 **SLMB-III** (S-15) assistance units in December. In addition, DHMH will notify **SLMB III** customers by mail of the program ending. (See attachment). Customers certified as **QI-1 (SLMB II / S14)** must remain open on CARES pending the decision of Congress.

**INQUIRIES:** Please direct Medicare Buy-In questions to Janet Smith, DHMH Medicare Buy-In Unit, at (410) 767-5376 or Deborah Weathers, FIA at (410) 767-7994.

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