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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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RE: CHANGES TO QMB/SLMB MAIL-IN APPLICATION

PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY: Effective January 1, 2006, customers applying for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary medical assistance programs are no longer eligible for pharmacy assistance through the Maryland Pharmacy or Medical Assistance programs. Medicare recipients applying for these programs will obtain this benefit through a Medicare approved private prescription drug plan (PDP).

ACTION REQUIRED: Medical assistance policy eliminates eligibility for pharmacy coverage through the Maryland Medical Assistance or Pharmacy programs for seniors or individuals with Medicare. The QMB/SLMB mail-in application, (DHR/FIA 9705), was modified deleting all language pertaining to automatic or potential eligibility for pharmacy coverage. Local departments and agencies that assist this population in the application process will receive the revised application. Upon receipt of the revised application, all previous editions are obsolete and are to be destroyed.

INQUIRIES: Please direct inquiries to Deborah Weathers at 410-767-7994.

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