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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Medicare Part A Buy-in

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): |

Message:

The process for getting a client a Part A buy-in from the Social Security Administration changed July of 2009. One major change is that the client no longer has to wait until an open enrollment for their Part A buy-in to occur. The other is that the client doesn't have to go to SSA to request a Conditional Enrollment be processed. In all cases the client needs to be below 100% FPL in adjusted income.

The process for an **ongoing** OSIPM client is:

- Client is receiving Part B of Medicare and cannot receive Part A without a buy-in
- Worker contacts the buy-in unit for Part A buy-in by the 25th of the month
- Buy-in Unit processes Part A buy-in and waits for report from SSA
- Report shows Part A buy-in successful
- Buy-in notifies worker to add QMB case coding (MIB=3; QMM/FS1)

The process for a new QMB client with Part B and no Part A without a payment

- If QMB-only, pend the case while the Part A buy-in process takes place
- Process OSIPM and open if eligible; if not eligible for OSIPM wait until QMB eligibility is determined before sending notice.
- Worker contacts the buy-in unit for Part A buy-in by the 25th of the month
- Buy-in Unit processes Part A buy-in and waits for report from SSA
- Report shows Part A buy-in successful
- Buy-in notifies worker to open QMB case
- Send appropriate decision notice for OSIPM and QMB

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