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TO: All Providers and Suppliers—**For Action**

SUBJECT: **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Identification Card**

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE: To notify all Medicare providers/suppliers of a QMB Identification Card issued to QMB qualifying individuals by the Division of Aging Services (DoAS). QMB is an eligibility category of New Jersey’s Medicare Savings (MSP) program. Now through May 2025, QMBs may present, as proof of the individual’s eligibility, a copy of the “Dear Medicare Provider” letter issued by DoAS. The “Dear Provider” letter includes the individual’s name and date of eligibility. Effective June 1, 2025, the QMB Identification Card will be the only form of eligibility used for appointment/medical supply purposes.

BACKGROUND: Effective January 1, 2022, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) enrolled individuals into the MSP – QMB eligibility category. This category of QMB eligibility does not have full Medicaid benefits. Rather, QMB is a program that helps low-income Medicare beneficiaries pay their Medicare premiums and cost shares, including Medicare Part A and B deductibles, coinsurances, or copayments for services covered by Medicare. Medicare providers/suppliers can review a QMB’s eligibility in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Eligibility Transaction System (HETS). Medicare providers/suppliers can also refer to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provider letter at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1128.pdf> for additional ways to verify QMB eligibility status.

Federal law prohibits all Medicare providers and suppliers – not only those that participate in Medicaid – from charging individuals enrolled in the QMB program for Medicare Part A and B Medicare deductibles, coinsurances, and/or copays for items and services Medicare covers. Providers and suppliers who balance bill QMBs for Medicare cost-sharing are subject to sanctions.

The Medicaid Newsletter Volume 32, No. 9, dated April 2022, notified all providers of MSB –QMB enrollments by DMAHS. This can be found at www.njmms.com.

ACTION: The QMB Identification Card exhibits the individual’s first and last name, identification number, effective date and Provider Services contact information. The QMB will present the card with their Medicare Card to ensure health care providers are aware of their health insurance coverage.

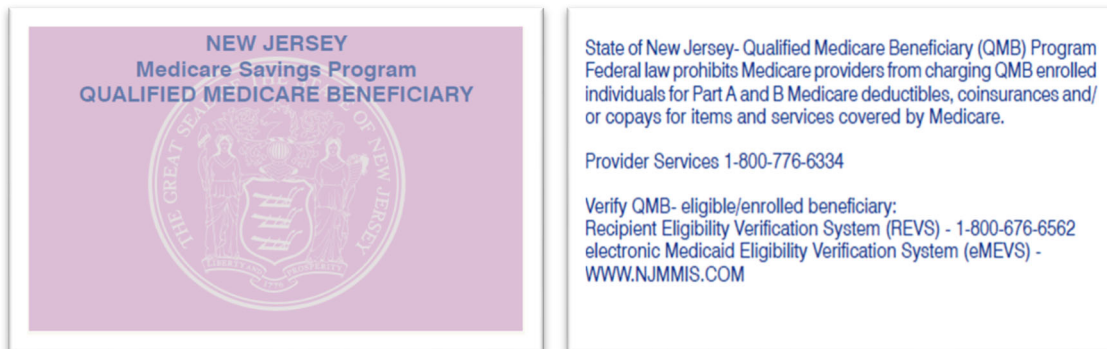
The questions and responses below provide additional information regarding the QMB Identification Card.

1. What is the purpose of the QMB Identification Card?

To ensure healthcare providers are aware of the QMB's eligibility status and coverage.

2. What does a QMB Identification Card look like?

The QMB Identification Card is pink, two-sided and about the size of a credit card.



3. What information will the QMB Identification Card contain?

The front of the card bears a New Jersey State seal watermark and reads, *New Jersey Medicare Savings Program QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY*, at the top.

The QMB identifying information displayed on the front contains:

- First and Last Name
- Identification Number
- Effective Date

The QMB information displayed on the back contains:

- A statement prohibiting QMB cost share billing by Medicare providers
- Points of contact for Provider Services and Eligibility Verification Systems (Recipient Eligibility Verification System and electronic Medicaid)

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