



## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor • Joan Henneberry, Executive Director

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Dear County Director or Medical Assistance Site Director:

The Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) is a federally mandated program whose purpose is to determine the accuracy of Medicaid eligibility decisions. This program reviews eligibility determinations for accuracy and timeliness to avoid inappropriate payments and client determination delays.

The MEQC unit is conducting a specialized pilot project for the active cases and inactive (negative) samples October 2008 through March 2009. We will focus on the Qualified Pregnant Women and Expanded Poverty Level Pregnant categories. The purpose of the active review is to evaluate the accuracy of the eligibility determination and the timely processing standard. The negative review will assess the accuracy of the closure of the medical spans and determine if the system produced a timely and accurate notice. If applicable, we will also review the timeframe for adding the newborn to the case.

Counties and medical assistance (MA) sites will receive a written request for the sampled cases over the next several months. The counties and MA sites are required to mail a copy of the requested case files to the Department within ten business days.

If you have any questions about this pilot project, please contact me at 303-866-3676 or [donna.kellow@state.co.us](mailto:donna.kellow@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Donna Kellow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna Kellow  
Audit Section Manager

cc: Heather Hewitt